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A crater where houses used to stand marks the jet's path as it fell in fragments on Lockerbie, Scotland, killing people in cars and homes.

# U.S. Weighs Strike on Libyan Complex

By Lou Cannon and David Ottaway

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The Reagan cerned" about a huge chemical weapons factory to Libya and has not ruled out using military force against it, President Ronald Reagan's spokesman said Thursday.

However, a senior administration official familiar with the issue said that military action was one of several options that had been discussed within the government and with U.S. allies, but that such action was "not under active consid-

that military action is an option," the president's spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater said. "We're not ruling it out." He made his comments in answer to reporters' questions

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Court Assails

McCarren Act

LOS ANGELES (NYT) -

A judge ruled Thursday that key sections of the McCarren-

Walter Act, which allows de-portation of foreigners for ad-

vocating world communism,

The decision by Judge Ste-phen Wilson of U.S. District

Court came in the case of eight

Palestinian immigrants or-

dered deported for allegedly supporting Palestinian terror-

ist organizations. The ruling

was hailed by civil rights

a new law that permitted the denial of U.S. visitor visas to

members of the Palestine Lib-

Eduard Shevardnadze held ont

the possibility of a unilateral

Soviet withdrawal from Cam

Ranh Bay, Victnam. Page 2.

Fight leading U.S. arms mak-

ers face criminal prosecution for illegal possession of gov-

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The judge also struck down

are unconstitutional.

"The president was quite clear

enormous quantities of chemical

installation was under consider-ation, the spokesman said, "I'm not saying it's our intention." He add-"We will not rule out options." Mr. Reagan said in the television interview that the United States was "discussing" with its allies the possibility of taking military action to destroy the Libyan plant, but that no decision had been reached.

The comments were broadcast Wednesday to excerpts from an ABC interview with the president that was scheduled to be aired Thursday night. Officials said the discussions

By James Sterngold

New York Times Service

1985, a 96-word, poorly typed let-

ter from Caracas, Venezuela, arrived at the headquarters of Merrill

Lynch & Co. in New York, charg-

ing that some brokers were trading

That anonymous message may have done more to alter the U.S.

financial system than any legisla-non or stock market crash.

In the hands of a zealous prose-

cutor, that slip of paper uncovered a Wall Street scandal that rocked

the financial industry, beginning a trail that led first to free-lance in-

side traders such as Dennis B. Le-

mals, such as Ivan F. Boesky and

Martin A. Siegel.

The latest to fall is the powerful firm of Drexel Burnham Lambert

Inc., a global behemoth 28.3 per-

cent-owned by Groupe Bruxelles

Lambert, The firm's television ads close with the line: "Innovative

thinking is not just good for busi-ness, but for everyone."

The investigation led to the un-

covering of pervasive patterns of abusive and manipulative tech-

niques that allowed securities firms

and some individuals to profit from

corporate takeovers and stock trad-

More important, it alerted the

insular, cinblike financial world to

the fact that it was subject to the same rules as everyone else, and not

That message was driven home

Wednesday with the indictment of

Paul A. Bilzerian, a stock specula-

tor and chairman of Singer Co.

and the opening of the stock fraud

trial against James T. Sherwin, the

The scandal has thus tainted not

just individuals, but a way of doing

vice chairman of GAF Corp.

just its own unwritten code.

vine, then to more systematic crim-

with inside information.

NEW YORK - On May 22,

about comments Mr. Reagan had with the allies were held in the been talked about, according to made in a television interview. The United States "is extremely conference of more than 100 nasiles fired from planes or ships off concerned about production facilitions in Paris that will consider the coast of Libya rather than risk ties to Libya," Mr. Fitzwater said, ways of enforcing the 1925 Geneva the loss of aircraft or the possible convention outlawing poison gas and other chemical weapons.

"The thrust of our consultations Asked if a U.S. strike against the is to establish what we know about this plant and to raise the issue as a menace to world peace and to make this a major item of consideration at the Jan. 7 conference," a senior official said. "It's also true that we are not ruling out a military option, but the thrust is the international conference."

Congressional and U.S. totelligence sources have said that the United States has taken acrial photos of the chemical weapons facility. These sources said the complex is now beavily defended by Sovietmade surface-to-air missiles. One military option that has

**Drexel: A Blow to Wall Street** 

Drexel has agreed in principle to

The prosecutor on the Drexel

case is a crusader against Wall

plead guilty to except that they include admissions of mail fraud,

Also not known is how close the

government may be to indicting Michael R. Milken, the powerful

wire fraud and securities fraud.

Street wrongdoing, Page 11.

context of preparing for a Jan. 7-11 these sources, is to use cruise miscapture of pilots by the Libyans. The secretariat of the 21-mem-

ber Arab League on Thursday warned the United States not to launch a military attack on Libya, Agence France-Presse reported temptation to repeat the error it committed to April 1986, when it committed an act of aggression against an Arab state, a full member of the United Nations and several regional organizations, notably responsibility to notify the public the Arab League."

The statement said that "the United States itself possesses the largest stock of ehemical arms in

But with this climactie moment

in the scandal, which first surfaced

- a direct result of the letter from

Caracas — a oumber of troubling

questions will have to be answered.

Is the securities industry,

which has fended off close govern-

ment scrutiny for decades by con-

tending that it could police itself,

See DREXEL, Page 13

Little is known yet about the head of Drexel's high-yield junk

details of the six felony counts that bond department.

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# **Anti-Terror Unit Investigates** Bomb Link in Pan Am Crash

By Craig R. Whitney

LONDON - The Pan American World Airways plane that crashed in Scotland blew apart 31,000 feet in the air, scattering wreckage in a wide arc up to 80 miles from the area of the main impact, the authorities said Thurs-

An official with the British Airline Pilots Association said he believed that a terrorist bomb was responsible for the crash.

A pro-Iranian group called news agencies in London on Thursday to elaim that it caused the crash in revenge for the U.S. military's shooting down of an Iranian airlin-er in the Gulf in July.

The ehief of Scotland Yard's

anti-terrorist squad was assigned to head the Londoo end of the task force investigating the cause of Britain's worst air disaster, which killed all 259 people aboard the plane and at least 22 on the ground. Experts at the scene found the flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder of the plane on Thursday. But the British transport

the aircraft disintegrate.

Authorities would not give cre-

dence to the pro-Iranian group's claim, but on Dec. 13, the Federal Aviation Administration notified American embassies to Europe that an unidentified caller had warned on Dec. 5 that "there would be a bombing attempt against a Pan American aircraft flying from Frankfurt to the United States."

The plane, a 747, was on the London-to-New York leg of Pan American's Flight 103, which origi-nated in Frankfurt with a smaller 727 jet. Baggage and passengers from the 727 were transferred to the larger plane at Heathrow Air-

The U.S. ambassador to Britain. Charles H. Price 2d, said Thursday at the crash site that the fact that the plane had split into several secnons "would indicate a mid-air ex-

port in London late Wednesday

"Whether that turns out to be the fact after appropriate investigation is a matter for the authorities to determine," be said.

Scotland, according to air traffic officials.

Mr. Channon, speaking Thurs-day afternoon in Parliament, said: "Shortly after seven o'elock, when the aircraft was 20 miles northwest of Carlisle and two minutes after the last radio contact, the controller at Prestwick observed the disap-

The chief UN officer for Namibia, Bernt Carlsson, was killed en route to a UN ceremony. Page 5.

pearance from his screen of the secondary surveillance radar response, which identifies the aircraft. The primary radar return from the aircraft then split into several returns around the last known position."

meant that something had cut off the power supply to one of the 747's transponders, which send flight identification data in the ground when air controllers request it, and that at the same instant, radar screens tracking the plane's The plane would have gone course showed that the aircraft

contherly route that took it over center had co indication of any other aircraft in the vicinity at the

He said that the main wreckage from the aircraft had come down in a swath 10 miles (16 kilometers) long. Parts of the aircraft destroyed houses and a gas station in the Scottish border village of Locker-bie and cars on the A74 highway to

Glasgow that goes through it. Bernt Carlsson, a United Nations official from Sweden, was among the victims aboard the

[Ronald 1. Spiers, a U.S. undersecretary of state, said in a televi-sion interview with Cable News Network that four U.S. embassy personnel were known to have been aboard Flight 103, Reuters reported from Washington.

[The Justice Department said ooe of its officials was also among the passengers. Mr. Spiers said that had intended to be on the flight but had been delayed in Nicosia. John Boyd, the chief constable of

the Dumfries and Galloway police,

See CRASH, Page 5

# U.S. Alerted Diplomats to Threat

By Don Oberdorfer

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The State Department said Thursday that a very specific no about the possible bombtog of a Pan American jetliner en route from Frankfurt to the United States was received by the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki oo Dec.

A State Department spokeswoman, Pbyllis E. Oakley, said that the anooymous caller in Helsinki identified the likely suspects as being connected with the breakaway Palestinian terrorist group led by Abu Nidal.

An official said that the Finnish authorities had dismissed the tip as the work of a crank,

But Mrs. Oakley said the U.S. government had taken the tip seriously enough to alert the Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. embassies and regional security of-

ficers to Europe and other areas.

She said that the warning was posted on the bulletin board in the U.S. embassy in Moscow, but did not know if it had been posted elsewhere. She said that it was up to each embassy to decide how the

warning would be handled. [The Pan Am Flight 103 on Thursday was delayed an bour and a half by a bomb alert. Reuters from Tunis. The secretariat said reported from London. A Heath-Washington should resist "the row Airport spokesman said said the 747 was partly evacuated because of an unattended suitcase near the Pan Am eheck-in counter,

but that the bag was later claimed.]
Asked about U.S. government of rips, Mrs. Oakley said, "Our focus has been on alerting those peo-ple who can do something about the threat." She explained that this meant air carriers and airport secu-

rity officers, as well as embassies. President-elect George Bush, asked about the State Department statement to U.S. embassies, cited his experience as a director of the Central Intelligence Agency and said that most threats "never materialize," The Associated Press reported from Washington.

["It can be a crackpot phone call, it can be a real warning: what you've got to do is evaluate that intelligence." Mr. Bush said. "1 think you have to look at it on a case-by-case basis."

two and a half years ago with Mr. Levine's dramatic, late-night arrest (But if there was hard evidence that a specific flight was going to be threatened or that the threat could oot be contained, he said, "clearly you would want to serve the public good by notifying people." [A Pan Am spokeswoman in

See WARNING, Page 5



Catherine Crossland, a Syracuse University cheerleader, weeping at a pre-game observance in Syracuse, New York, for 38 university students returning on the jet from a European study program.

# Chaos Descends on a Village

### A Quiet Evening Turned Into a Hellish Nightmare

By Edward Cody

Washington Post Service
LOCKERBIE, Scotland — Ronald Miller and his wife, Jane, were watching television Wednesday night when an explosion roared with such rage that the concussion sent him plunging bead first into the screen.

Mr. Miller, 64, a retired plasterer, had been propelled from the beginnings of a tranquil Scotish evening directly into a nightmare.

A Boeing 747 jumbo jet en route from London to New York had disintegrated over Lockerbie, spewing fiery pieces of metal and chunks of aircraft onto the village and dumping bodies across

the adjoining countryside.

A large piece of wing burtled to ground next to the Millers' modest row house, in which they had intended in live out retirement peacefully. The wing, carrying a nearly full load of fuel, exploded on impact, setting fire to the Miller home and about eight others along the A-74 highway running by Lockerbie.

"All our possessions, gone," said Mr. Miller, the skin ripped from his balding head where it had crashed into the television screen.

A half-dozen vehicles traveling the highway nearby were transformed into skeletons, charred in their tracks by fire from the sky. Metal shards littered the neighborhood, and gnarled remains of the exploded wing lodged at a grotesque angle in a

dirt bank. Nearby, a crater 30 feet (9 meters) deep marked the site of the explosion.

About 300 feet west of Mr. Miller's street, after

the blast, a Lockerbie man ran outside to find that the body of a small boy had landed on his roof, neighbors said. The experience so shocked him that he was hospitalized under sedation, they add-

Ruth Studholme, 41, a supermarket clerk, said her 10-year-old son Steven was terrorized by the blast and refused to leave their bome during the night and through Thursday. "He went all white,

and he's still white today," she said. Parts of the crumbled aircraft had just smashed into Teller Hill, directly above the Studholme

Below, a mangled jet engine, still smoking, had dug about 6 feet into the soft ground of a farm-yard. Its cowling lay about 90 feet farther on,

splayed like a drying orange peel.

The wing debris and a section comprising the nose cone and part of the first-class cabin were the only substantial chunks of the plane to fall intact, officials in Lockerbie said. The nose cone, lying forlornly on its left side in the mud, fell about 4 miles east of the wing. Remaining parts fell in small fireballs and strips of metal.

Remembering that her sister-in-law had just left to walk the family dog, Mrs. Studholme struck out See VILLAGE, Page 5

By Barry James onal Revald Tribune

of the Louvre, the portrait of Iñigo Melchor Fernández de Velasco looks down with a slight pout. The venerable Andalusian gentleman is at the center of a spreading criminal investigation in which both the Louvre's curator of paintings and one of France's leading trial lawyers have been charged with receiv-

Don Inigo is the subject of "El Hombre which was painted by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo in the 17th century and sold to the Louvre in 1985 by a former nightclub owner who allegedly had stolen it.

Rosenberg is an internationally known art historian and one of the 13 senior "inspectors" who oversee French museums.

The lawyer is Paul Lombard, the darling of Marseille society, a nationally known author and a candidate for membership among the immortals of the Académie Française. He arranged the sale, and his indictment

this week accesses him not only of receiving stolen property but of committing fraud. He was released on bail of 1 million francs (\$165,000) on his own recognizance and forbidden to see other accused persons or wit-

According to the evidence amassed by the investigating magistrate, Jean-Pierre Ber-nard, the Murillo portrait is part of a priceless art collection that belonged to Suzanne de la Lombardière de Canson, an eccentrie heiress

years of her life, on charges of sequestering and criminally neglecting Mrs. Canson and of seizing her inheritance. Mrs. Pesnel has retained Jacques Verges, the defender of Klaus Barbie, the Nazi war criminal, as her chief counsel. Mr. Bernard also iailed Mrs. Canson's law-

Bernard alleges the lawyer conspired to the sequestration of the old woman, who willed everything to Mrs. Pesnel a few months be-

Mrs. Pesnel, 48, the former proprietor of

Mediterranean city of Toulon, offered the painting for sale through Christie's of London at the beginning of 1985. The asking price was 10 million francs.

Christie's was concerned about the lack of documents anthenicating its background. Christie's also was worried that the painting had been illegally exported and that the French government in this case would assert its right to buy,

Mr. Bernard says Mrs. Pesnel turned to Mr. Lombard, who negotiated the sale to the Louvre at a knocked-down price of 5 million francs, for which he charged a fee of 400,000 francs and expenses of 100,000 francs. Once the sale was finally agreed to in October 1985, Mrs. Pesnel managed to obtain a letter of confirmation from Jack Lang, the minister of culture, which she then used to raise bank

It was not until the following month, however, according to Mr. Bernard, that she was able to produce proof of ownership. She produced three wills freshly notarized in Switzerland, which indicated she had inherited the painting from her grandmother in

# Military Puts Its Stamp On Armenian Capital

By Bill Keller

New York Times Service YEREVAN, U.S.S.R. — At Yerevan University and at the Poly-technical Institute, where passions have run high during this year of Armenian self-assertion, soldiers with automatic rifles take attendance each morning.

Army tanks and armored personnel carriers straddle entrances to city squares that earlier this year teemed with tens of thousands of demonstrators. After midnight, soldiers stop any car not bearing a pass from the Ministry of Defense.

In the last week and a half, the authorities have methodically arrested many nationalist leaders, inchiding a member of the Armenian legislature, and others have gone into hiding, emerging occasionally to give defiant toterviews to Westem reporters.

The authorities do not call it martial law, but the capital of Armenia has all the outward markings

of a city under military rule. The Soviet press briefly reported the imposition of military disci-pline after ethnic unrest broke out in the city last month. But the opening of Armenia to crowds of outsiders, both Soviet and foreign, in the relief effort mounted since the devastating earthquake on Dec. 7 has brought home the sense of occupation in a way that sketchy

official reports have not. For many of the visiting relief workers, journalists, doctors and diplomats, the state of siege is a visible admission of defeat for President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who has professed the goal of liber alizing Soviet society.

"This is glasnost and democracy?" a Moscow psychologist murmured the other day, as the taxi carrying him to a children's hospi-tal pulled alongside a towering

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# The Louvre's Murillo: A Murky Scandal

PARIS - From a gilded frame on the wall

Pierre Rosenberg, the curator who acquired the painting for the imiseum, is accused of receiving property knowing or in a position to know it had been stolen. Mr.

who died at age 76 in September 1986, almost a year after the Louvre acquired the painting. In June, Mr. Bernard jailed Joëlle Pesnel, the heiress's companion during the last two

yer, Robert Boissonnet, who is said to have introduced Mrs. Pesnel to the heiress. Mr.

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# Soviets May Unilaterally Quit Asia Base, Shevardnadze Says

By Seth Mydans

New York Times Service MANILA - Eduard A. Shevardnadze has held out the possibility of a unilateral withdrawal at some time in the future from the Soviet military base at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam, the Philippine for-cign minister, Raul Manglapus, said Thursday.

At the end of Mr. Shevardnadze's 24-hour visit here, Mr. Manglapus said that the Soviet foreign minister had said that Moscow hoped to strengthen relations with the Philippines without harming Manila's longstanding ties with the United States.

Mr. Shevardnadze, the highestranking Soviet official to visit Manile since the two countries estab-

lished diplomatic relations in 1976, bases in the Philippines, Subic Bay announced the formation of a committee to boost bilateral trade and indicated that Moscow would not aid the Communist insurgency in the Philippines.

appeared to extend the Soviet Union's attempts to improve ties with nations in the region. Moscow has worked to promote a Cambodian settlement and has made overtures to China and Japan, among other nations in the region.

In September, the Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, offered to halt Soviet use of ship repair and refuelling facilities in Vietnam if the United States pulled out of its Philippine bases.

two-year period. General Lebedev gave no break-

saw Pact countries, but said that

those that remained would be reor-

ganized into purely defensive units.

been stationed in Czechoslovakia

viet military leaders had opposed

the reductions. "It is natural to sup-

pose that there were some doubts

among individual personnel, not all

of whom were aware of the true

Soviet officials have denied that

the resignation this month of the

armed forces chief of staff, Marshai

Sergei F. Akhromeyev, was con-

nected with the issue. Health was

given as the reason. Marshal Akh-

romeyev was replaced by Colonel General Mikhail A. Moiseyev.

balance of forces," he said.

Some 80,000 Soviet troops have

# Kremlin Denies Cuts Will Spare New Arms

MOSCOW - The Soviet Union intends to scrap some of its most up-to-date tanks and other advanced equipment in reducing its forces in Eastern Europe, a Soviet

general said Thursday.

Major General Yuri Lebedev, deputy chief of the Armed Forces General Staff directorate, said at a news conference, "We have heard allegations that we were trying to in 1968 to crush the "Prague withdraw old tanks and I can say nothing of the kind is the case.

"We will pull out our most upto-date equipment and front-line combat troops." gary. General Lebedev denied that So-

Referring to the announcement by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev that 50,000 Soviet troops and six tank divisions would be pulled out of East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, General Lebedev said that these forces would not be redeployed elsewhere.

"All materials withdrawn from the Warsaw Pact allies will be de-stroyed at special sites," he said. Last week, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, Alton Keel, said that the impact of the Soviet force cuts would depend on how many frontline tanks were withdrawn.

General Lebedev said that foreign observers would be invited to watch the destruction of military hardware. He said that some equip-ment, such as cranes and trailers, would be retained for use in the

Under Mr. Gorbachev's propos-als, announced to the United Nations General Assembly on Dec. 7, the Soviet armed forces are to be



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Naval Station and Clark Air Basc, Mr. Manglapus said Thursday, "Mr. Shevardnadze stressed that the Soviet Union was not seeking to negotiate with us on the bases." His visit, part of an Asia tour,

"He recognized," Mr. Manglapus said, "that there are important political and economic factors involved in the United States pres-

"He thought that at some stage in the future, without waiting for any mutuality of withdrawal, the Soviet Union, in conjunction with their Vietnamese friends, may unilaterally withdraw from Cam Ranh

Subic Bay and Clark Air Base are the largest American overseas military facilities and are key to the U.S. military posture in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Washington, in a response to Mr. Gorbachev's proposal for a mutual withdrawals. had said that the Cam Ranh port was not equivalent to the two Philippines bases.

The lease on the U.S. bases expires in 1991, and negotiations on its possible extension are expected to begin next year. down of the number of troops and tanks to be withdrawn from War-

The Philippine government has refused to commit itself on whether it will allow the bases to remain. Despite some vocal opposition to the bases, recent public-opinion surveys have shown broad public sentiment for their retention.

since Warsaw Pact forces invaded At a luncheon attended by President Corazon C. Aquino, Mr. Shevardnadze said, "We have abso-Spring" movement. East Germany has 380,000 Sovilutely no intention of driving a et troops on its territory, including wedge between the Philippines and 11 tank divisions, and an estimated its traditional allies." 65,000 troops are stationed in Hun-

Philippine officials said Moscow was seeking to boost trade and joint ventures with the Philippines and to gain fishing rights and land-ing rights for the Soviet airline

"We view Mr. Shevardnadze's visit to this part of the world as a strangulation borders of 1967." signal that Soviet Russia will now "The need of the hour." Mr. S assume her place among us as an Asian country," Mrs. Aquino said

She said that Mr. Shevardnadze had assured her that Moscow would never interfere in Philippine

# **Soviet Official Urges** Wider Religious Rights

By David Remnick Washington Past Service

MOSCOW - The top Soviet administrator of religious institutions has called for a radical transformation of state policy on religion, including new laws allowing churches, mosques and synagogues to set up their own schools.

Konstantin M. Kharchev, chairman of the government's Council of Religious Affairs, said that the Soviet Constitution should be changed "to give equal rights to atheists and believers to express their views."

In an interview with the weekly magazine Ogonyok, he also said that the present rules on freedom of conscience had "no real backup."

The comments by Mr. Kharchev are the clearest indication yet that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev intends to match his increasingly liberal statements on religious affairs with changes to improve life for the more than 50 million religious believers in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Kharchev, whose council has advisory power over all state-church relations, criticized the government for taking too long in establishing a new, more liberal law on freedom of conscience.

"Consultations have been held with the representatives of practi-cally all religious denominations," he said. "However, the discussion of the proposals, in my opinion, has been going on for too long."

Mr. Kharchev said that the strict anti-religious legislation of 1929 was "typically Stalinist" and had set the stage for decades of repres-

Union are not allowed to hold oring such classes have often been arrested and given heavy fail terms. The KGB has long kept close watch

men to hold secret classes. "Religious education is and must itvate attair oi uals," Mr. Kharchev said. "Yet at the same time, why shouldn't parents be allowed to bring their children to a church, mosque or synagogue if they want to teach them about Christianity, Islam or Juda-

to their homes? Mr. Kharchev criticized Communist Party officials for failing to return churches, mosques and synagogues to believers.

The local authorities answer no,

it will be a museum or a cafe, a concert hall or an archive," be said.
"The logic is often as follows: better to let the building fall apart than return it to believers. I am convinced we need a completely different approach. Religions structures must not be used for other purposes if there are objections from believers."

In the future, Mr. Kharchev said, religious organizations should not be made to register with the state. He said that the Soviet legislature scheduled to be elected next spring would deal with church-state relations in consultation with legislators who were themselves religious

sion under Stalin, Nikita S. Khru-shchev and Leonid I. Brezhnev. Religious centers in the Soviet ganized religious classes. Religious leaders caught teaching or organiz-

on all religious institutions, making it extremely difficult for church-

ism, or invite a priest or theologian

is Israel's largest ever and has been expanded from 25 in order to ac-commodate political demands. But its lineup is almost identical to that of the previous cabinet except that Mr. Shamir's main political rival, Shimon Peres, leader of the Labor

Moshe Arens, is the new foreign minister. Mr. Arens, the former amhassador to the United States, whose foreign policy views move along the same hard line as Mr. Shamir's, also sits in a four-member policy-making group that in-cludes Mr. Shamir, Mr. Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.



# **Shamir Presents New Unity Cabinet** 'Strong Enough' to Resist Pressures

Washington Post Service
JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Thursday presented to the Knesset a new government of national unity that he said would be strong enough to resist international pressure to force Israel to withdraw to "the

"The need of the hour," Mr. Shamir told the parliament, was a broad-based coalition of his own rightist Likud group and the leftof-center Labor Party to combat what he called "the propaganda and political attack of the terror organizations and their friends and supporters."

He vowed that Israel would never retreat from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and would never allow a Palestinian state to be created there.

The prime minister pleaded with the 1.7 million Palestinians of the occupied territories to cease their yearlong uprising and enter into negotiations with Israel for political autonomy, "Don't listen to the advice of inciters, who only know how to cause suffering and who cannot heal and solve your problems." Mr. Shamir said.

Rather than offer a new peace initiative, Mr. Shamir invoked the Camp David accords as the only established road to peace. He also vowed to build new Jewish settlements in the occupied territories

After the speech, and a six-hour opening debate, the Knesset approved the new government by 84 to 19 with 3 abstentions. The new cabinet was sworn in and later presented to President Chaim Herzog, 38 days after Mr. Herzog gave Mr. Shamir the mandate to form a new

At 28 members, the new cabinet party, is taking over the Finance

Mr. Shamir's main political ally,

In his first pronouncement as any Arab solidarity action."

foreign minister, Mr. Arens repeat-roument and Ehnd Olmert, who ed Israel's condemnation of last will be responsible for Arab affairs. week's American decision to open a dialogue with the Palestine Libera- to be Ora Namir, who was added to tion Organization. He told the Is- the list at the last minute when both raeli radio the organization was sides realized there was no female "responsible for some of the worst atrocities that we have seen in the world since World War II," adding,

couraging terrorist organizations means encouraging terrorism." David Levy and Ariel Sharon, Senior Likud ministers who had hoped to gain the foreign affairs and defense portfolios respectively, remained instead in their current posts. Mr. Levy is deputy prime minister and housing minister; Mr.

New Likud faces in the cabinet

"We don't believe in encouraging

terrorist organizations because en-

The only new Laborite is expected cabinet member.

Mr. Peres said the government would urgently seek electoral change to change the unwieldy sys-tem under which 15 parties qualified for Knesset seats.

"We have learned the hard way that we are victims of an impossible electoral system," Mr. Peres told reporters. "It makes our lives complicated, diminishes our prestige, forces us to maneuver right and Israel's problems, he said, exist

Sharon, minister of trade and in-"not because we are such terrible people, it's because we have such a terrible system." He added, "We include three members of the par- have to make the Israeli democracy ty's younger generation; Dan Meridor at justice, Ronnie Milo at enviment."

# Syrian Overture Is Seen Toward Egypt and Iraq

fez Assad of Syria has opened the with the Saudi newspaper Asharq door to re-establishing ties with al-Awsat, which was published in two of Syria's bitter foes, Egypt and Iraq according to presidential Middle East News Agency. Mr. spokesman.

President Hosni Mubarak was quoted Wednesday as saying he had invited Mr. Assad to visit Egypt in an attempt to improve relations. Mr. Assad, during a meeting with a delegation from the Federation of Arab Lawyers, said "cooperation between Syria and Egypt on a national basis has always been favored by both countries and would benefit the Arab nation." Jibran Konrich, the spokesman, said.

In a rare gesture of conciliation toward Cairo, Mr. Assad emphasized the importance of Egypt's role in the Arab world and praised the sacrifices of its people in the Arab struggle against Israel.

The Syrian news agency quoted the president as saying that the restoration of ties required Syria and Egypt to undertake certain responsibilities. He did not elaborate. Mr. Kourich said Mr. Assad also told the lawyers - including the chairman of the Egyptian bar asso-ciation — that although past attempts at Syrian-Iraqi reconciliation did not work, "Syria supports

DAMASCUS - President Ha- tion to Mr. Assad in an interview fered to go to Syria, but Mr. Assad by an Indian leader in 34 years. turned down the idea.

Political observers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Assad's statements were a new overture to two longstanding foes.

Egypt and Syria have been at Egyptian president, flew to Jerusalem in 1977, an event that culminated in Egypt's peace treaty with

Arab leaders have been trying to organize a summit meeting of the 20-member Arab League, which has not met in regular session since 1982 because of rifts between member governments. Saudi Arabia, the scheduled venue for a summit meeting, has indicated it wants

Egypt to attend. The feud between Syria and Iraq, one of the most bitter in the Arab world, was rekindled after the Aug.

against Arab Iraq. Syria and Iraq are ruled by rival wings of the Ba'ath Arab Socialist

20 cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war. Mr. Assad allied himself with Iran

# WORLD BRIEFS

# Algeria Votes in Test of New Policies

ALGIERS (Reuters) - Algerians turned out Thursday to re-elect President Chadli Benjedid in a poll seen as a public verdict on political

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reforms launched after riots in October. Colonel Benjedid, 59, is guaranteed election to a third term after being chosen as sole candidate of the National Liberation Front, the only official political party. He is hoping to equal the 95.4 per cent backing he received in January 1984 at the start of his second five year term.

With the lack of competition, interest has focused on the turnout and the size of the "yes" vote in a poll portrayed by the press as a referendim on Colonel Benjedid's political liberalization program.

U.S.-Soviet Nicaragua Deal Possible

WASHINGTON (LAT) — The Soviet Union has indicated that it
might be willing to reduce or halt its military aid to Nicaragna if the
United States stopped its military assistance to the contra rebeis, accordling to the contra of the House line Wright ing to the speaker of the House, Jim Wright.

Mr. Wright, Democrat of Texas, said Wednesday that he was told recently by Soviet Ambassador Yuri V. Dubinin that President Mikhail S.

Gorbachev might go along with such a plan.

The speaker, an ardent opponent of additional arms for the contras, quoted the secretary of state-designate, James A. Baker 3d, as saying that President-elect George Bush wanted to work out a new Central American policy so that the White House and Congress could walk "hand in hand"

# Israeli Soldier Dies of Bomb Wounds

JERUSALEM (AP) — A soldier who was critically injured when he tried to rescue a woman from a burning bus in a West Bank firebomb attack died Thursday in a London hospital, a military spokesman said. Also Thursday, troops shot and wounded 13 Palestinians as sporadic protests continued in the occupied territories, Arab hospital officials and

The soldier's death raised to 14 the number of Israelis killed in the yearlong Palestinian revolt against occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At least 333 Palestinians also have died. The soldier, David Deloroza, 19, was transferred to a London hospital for transplants to replace his heart and lungs, which were severely damaged from smoke inhalation during the attack Oct. 31 near the city of Jericho.

# Czech Diplomat Disappears in India

NEW DELHI (NYT) — Indian police have launched a nationwide search for a senior Czechoslovak diplomat here who disappeared recently and there is speculation that he has defected to the West.

"Everything is under investigation and we are trying to find him," said a spokesman for the Czechoslovak Embassy on Thursday. The police said that the missing man, Vlastimil Ludvik, 38, a first secretary at the embassy, was last seen Dec. 16 as he drove out of the mission, saying he was going to visit a friend. The police said descriptions of the man had been flashed to airports and police officials across the country.

Mr. Ludvik would be the third person from a Soviet bloc nation to defect in India in the last three years. In 1985, a Russian diplomat established contact with American officials and flew out of India, later surfacing in the United States. Last year, a Soviet scholar bolted a Russian tour group in the Indian capital and took refuge at the Australian diplomatic mission.

### Sudan Coalition Is Close to Collapse

KHARTOUM, Sudan (Reuters) - Sudan's coalition government was close to collapse on Thursday over how to end five years of civil war in the

The Democratic Unionist Party, the second largest coalition partner in the government of Prime Minister Sadek Mahdi, said it was quitting the coalition in a dispute over a peace plan backed by Mr. Mahdi. The party had offered a competing plan, which was rejected by the legislature.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army has been fighting government forces in the south since 1983. The war, a famine and several other natural disasters have killed tens of thousands of people in the south and forced

Gandhi Signs Aviation Pact in China

BEUING (Reuters) — Prime Minister Li Peng and visiting Prime
Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India signed a civil aviation agreement and two
other accords Thursday during a meeting that the two said marked a new beginning in Chinese-Indian relations. The accords were agreements on direct air links between Beijing and

New Delhi, a joint committee on science and technology, and a program ... for exchanges of students, artists and films.

Indian officials said the two sides also agreed to form a senior-level er over which they clashed in Mubarak also said he earlier of- 1962. The agreements gave some substance to the visit, the first to China

### TRAVEL UPDATE

### odds since Anwar Sadat, the late South Korea to Lift All Travel Curbs

SEOUL (AP) - South Korea will lift all restrictions on overseas travel as of Jan. 1, allowing South Koreans to travel abroad regardless of age, the Foreign Ministry said. Ministry officials said Wednesday that the

the Foreign Ministry said. Ministry officials said wednesday that the action will abolish the current minimum age of 30 years for overseas trips. The age limit was lowered from 40 to 30 years early this year.

All South Koreans wishing to go abroad will be issued passports good for three years, they said. More than one million South Koreans are expected to travel overseas next year, they added. Travel had been restricted in the past to save foreign currency. The government began restrictions last year as the nation's current expount another grew. casing restrictions last year as the nation's current account surplus grew. This year's surplus is expected to reach \$14 billion. Restrictions on travel to Eastern bloc countries are also to be relaxed.

Visitors to Hungary, the only Communist country to recognize Scoul, will no longer need to apply for permission but should inform authorities. Credit card pay phones have recently been installed at Singapore's

Changi Airport so that passengers can make direct dial calls to other countries. The special phones will accept major credit cards and charges are debited to the holder's account. Transport ministers from Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea meeting in Conakry, Guinea, signed a document Thursday providing for the creation of a regional airline, Air Mano, to begin operations June 1. (AFP)



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### South Africa Signs UN Accord for Namibian Independence when Namibia is to hold its first African troops withdraw and a ci-The Associated Press

last colony in Africa, which will become the black-ruled nation of

posted in bordering Angola.

Foreign Minister R.F. Botha signed the pact at UN headquarters

UNITED NATIONS, New the last year led to the accords, York — South Africa signed an which were witnessed by Secretary accord Thursday granting independence to South-West Africa, the tary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar and other diplomats.

The agreement is for a one-year transition to independence for South-West Africa to begin April 1. The pact calls for 3,000 Cuban along with the foreign ministers of troops to leave Angola by April 1, Cuba and Angola, who piedged to and for all of them to be gone by send home 50,000 Cuban troops July 1, 1991. Half of the 50,000

soldiers are to pull out by Nov. 1,

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Dunem of Angola also signed an agreement under which 70 UN peacekeepers will monitor the Cuban withdrawal from Angola. A Security Council plan for Namibia's independence calls for

vilian government is organized.

South Africa has ruled the territory of South-West Africa, which now has a population of 1.2 million, for 73 years since capturing it from Germany during World War I. In 1920, the League of Nations granted South Africa a mandate to dminister Namibia. The United Nations revoked that mandate in

about 2,000 civilian administrators and military police to back about 7,500 UN peacekeepers as South Cuba, Angola and the UN do not officially recognize any linkage between the two accords and have always insisted on Namibia's independence as a matter of principle, vithout any preconditions.

South Africa, however, insisted on the Cuban withdrawal. Chester A. Crocker, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs. who mediated the talks, made linkage a centerpiece of the U.S. government's southern Africa policy.

People's Organization, which has fought a low-level guerrilla war against South African forces in Namibia for more than 20 years, was not part of the accords, but has said it will honor a cease-fire.

The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, the rebel group battling the Markist government of Angola, was also excluded from the accords, which the participants had agreed would not cover internal affairs.

■ U.S. States Conditions Earlier, Paul Lewis of The New York Times reported from The Unit-

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Saying there can be "no military solution" to the Angolan civil war, Mr. Crocker indicated that the United States would not agree to normal relations with Angola until

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SWAPO, the South-West Africa the government there made peace with its guerrilla opponents. Mr. Crocker said he could make "no prediction" as to when the United States would recognize An-

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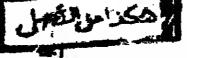
stop blocking its membership of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. But he said: "At the same time, it is also true that we look to the Angolans to make peace with each other. That's another very important issue. We trust they will do so. They are saying they intend to do so. So we will look at that with

great mterest." Deputy Foreign Minister Venancio de Moura said the government of President José Eduardo dos Santos would approve an amnesty next month pardoning any leader or supporter of Jonas Savimbi's UN-ITA movement who wants 10

The only exception to the annesty, he said, would be Mr. Savanbi

Mr. Crocker again stated the Reagan administration's determination to continue siding the UN-ITA forces until a negotiated peace is reached in Angola.

"Our attitude is unchanged," Crocker said. "We are not signing anything. We have no intention of disengaging from the Angolan situ-ation when the others are buying large amounts of hardware.



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Anti-Abortionists Opposed Sullivan

WASHINGTON - Presidentclect George Bush on Thursday named a medical school president, Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, as head of the Department of Health and Hnman Services, the first cabinet appointment of a black in the incomng administration.

In addition, Mr. Bush made William Reilly, a conservationist, his surprising choice to head the Envi-ronmental Protection Agency.

The expected nomination of Dr.

Sullivan had been opposed by antiabortion groups after an interview last weekend in which he said he believed it was a woman's right to decide whether to have an abor-

In a second surprise, Mr. Bush named Representative Manuel Lujan Jr., Republican of New Mexico, who is retiring from Congress, to head the Interior Department. The department manages millions of acres of federal lands. Mr. Bush appointed Edwin J. Derwinski, a State Department official and former congressman, to lead the newly created Veterans' Affairs Department, which becomes a cabinetlevel agency in March.
In addition, he appointed Samu-

el K. Skinner, Chicago transit official and former federal prosecutor, to run the Transportation Depart-

The appointment of four new cabinet officers - the Environmental Protection Agency is an in-dependent agency — left only 2 of 12 slots unfilled for the administration, which takes office on Jan. 20.

Mr. Bush said he expected to name leaders of the Departments of Labor and Energy soon. The leading candidate for the Labor Department is Patricia Diaz Dennis, a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

The 55-year-old physician and head of the School of Medicine at Morehouse College in Atlanta senior official in the Pentagon Intouched off a furor among antiabortionists last weekend, when he told a newspaper that he supported a woman's right to an abortion. Mr. Bush made no mention of

the ensuing controversy when he announced the appointment of the first black named to the cabinet.

But Dr. Sallivan read a statement that said he was opposed to abortion except in the case of rape, incest and a threat to the life of the mother. He said he was opposed to a congressional staff report called a federal funding for abortions ex- "black market" in classified docucept in the case of a threat to the life of the mother, and emphasized that he and the president-elect agreed completely on the subject.
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said 15 other companies, including Raytheon, Eaton and United Techabortion views presented the nologies, had obtained secret docubut that those were isolated cases Bush has faced thus far in filling his of minimal importance and had tractor employees may obtain these thus been closed. .

The outery arose after Dr. Sullivan said in an interview in Sunday's Atlanta Journal and Constitution that he privately supported a woman's right to choose abortion though he opposed federal funding

ly reflect his views. He assured conscrvative lawmakers that he shared the anti-abortion views expressed by Mr. Bush during the campaign and also that be favored a proposed "human life amendment" to the Constitution.

Mr. Bush, who campaigned as an advocate of tougher environmental safeguards, said his new administrator at the Environmental Protec-tion Agency had a "mission of tre-mendous importance." Mr. Reilly understands not only the overwhelming domestic imperatives" of the environment, but also the need for international cooperation" on the issue, the president-

Mr. Reilly pledged a "new and constructive course" on environ-mental problems at home and around the world. Mr. Reilly, a head of the Conservation Founda-tion and the World Wildlife Fund, said he believed he was the first head of such an organization cho-

sen to run the agency.

The president-elect selected Carla T. Hills, a Washington lawyer, to be his special trade representative.

Mr. Bush indicated she would have the same cabinet-level privileges enjoyed by the current holder of that job, Clayton K. Yeutter, whom he picked to be his agriculture sec-

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possible criminal prosecution."

The criminal investigative service is

a sister agency.

Mr. Donnelly cited a Pentagon
memorandum written May 29 last
year saying that an inquiry arose
from a court case in which the de-

fendant, a consultant, had argued

that many secret Pentagon plan-ning and budgeting documents had been obtained by companies

throughout the arms industry. The

eight companies were named in

The accusations Wednesday

were separate from an ongoing Jus-

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arms makers in which inside infor-

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Richard F. Kaufman, the general

counsel of the Joint Economic

Committee, who led the staff inqui-

ry, presented a report saying that

secret documents had been "sur-

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Mr. Donnelly, who is director of mulate their own personal library

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U.S. Arms Makers Face Secrets Charges

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inquire into that allegation, he said.

We found no indication," he said,

"that any defense contractor had a

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Huseyin Yildirim, a Turk living in Florida, after his arrest on espionage charges.

By Richard Halloran

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# U.S. Says Spy Caused 'Massive' Damage

By Ruth Marcus and Molly Moore

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The army
intelligence analyst arrested this
week on espionage charges was apprehended after allegedly telling an
FBI undercover agent that he had
been passing classified information
to Society and Fast Common agents. to Soviet and East German agents

for the last six years.

A Turk living in Florida, Huseyin Yildirim, who the authorities say acted as the army analyst's gobetween with the East Germans, also was arrested.

A law enforcement official said the spy operation resulted in a "massive hemorrhage" of "sensitive national security information." The operation appeared to have scriously damaged electronic spying efforts in Europe, U.S. officials said, but the extent of the damage

was still being assessed. The arrested analyst, Warrant Officer James W. Hall 3d, enlisted in the army in September 1976 and has served most of his time working for the Army Security Agency. The agency gathers, deciphers and analyzes electronic data and voice signals coming from hostile powers.

The army agency, along with similar groups in the navy and air force, works closely with the Na-tional Security Agency in collecting

low proper security procedures,

thus exposing the secret documents

to people not entitled to see them.

U.S. District Court in Savannah, Georgia, Mr. Hall met Tuesday night with the Federal Bureau of Investigation agent in a motel uear Savannah. The affidavit said that Mr. Hall "boasted of the important signal intelligence information that he had passed and admitted his

motivation to be greed."

Mr. Hall, 30, told the FBI agent, who was posing as a Soviet opera-tive, that be "had been passing highly sensitive signal intelligence documents" to the Soviet Union and East Germany since late 1982, the affidavit said.

Mr. Hall was arrested at the motel early Wednesday after the meet-ing, which lasted more than two hours and which sources said was secretly tape-recorded.

Sources said that after his arrest, Mr. Hall began cooperating with officials in the investigation. Army officials suspect that Mr. Hall began dealing with the East Germans after he was assigned to an intelligence station in Berlin in 1981. He spent most of his 12-year military career in West Germany as specialist operating intelligence equipment and analyzing data from eavesdropping satellites.

Mr. Hall was promoted recently to warrant officer from staff sergeant and was assigned in July as a traffic analyst technician to an army intelligence center at Fort Stewart, Georgia. In that position, he was responsible for operating and maintaining equipment and supervising teams of technicians In one case, he said, "an army unined unauthorized classified doc-officer allegedly gave a document unents," he said. In some cases, he involved in highly specialized intelsaid, those employees did not folligence activiti

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electronic intelligence, officials tipped off that Mr. Hall was living said.

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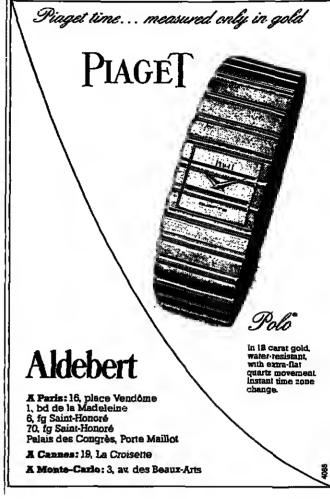
A law enforcement official said he believed that Mr. Hall has been paid "tens of thousands of dollars" for information over the years.

A person familiar with the case said investigators conducted

closed-circuit television surveil-

compartment. According to the affidavit, Mr. Hall told the FBI agent that the Turk, Mr. Yildirim, 60, helped him copy and ferry documents to the East Germans.

Mr. Yildirim, who lives in Belleair Beach, Florida, was arrested and charged with conspiring with Mr. Hall and to commit espionage



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# Under sharp criticism from the Republican right, Dr. Sullivan later said those remarks did not correct-by reflect his marks. Deficit Without Raising Tax

dent Ronald Reagan will propose reducing the federal deficit to \$92.5

billion, the lowest since 1982, with-The plan, officials say, will call for another round of domestic ding cuts and substantial sales

of government assets. The projected deficit is nearly \$70 billion lower than this year's figure and well within the \$100 bil-

mistic assumptions than those of many economists. For next year the administration the prediction of a consensus of 51

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WASHINGTON — In the last budget of his administration, Presi-

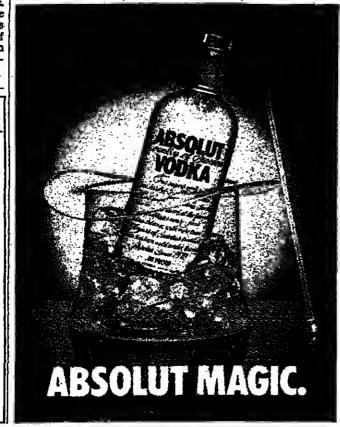
than many economists expect. Both factors would lower the deficit if they followed the administration's prediction. Tax revenue increases when growth is rapid, because businesses and workers earn more than when the economy is slow. Lower interest rates mean that the Treasury must pay less to

carry the national debt The new budget calls for spendlion goal set by Congress in the law ing \$1.15 trillion, 4.7 percent more requiring a balanced budget by than this year, with revenue of 1993. But it is based on more opti-

The president's budget — for the fiscal year year 1990, which begins on Oct. 1 — will be something of an predicts economic growth at the orphan. He is scheduled to submit to bust pace of 3.5 percent, more it to Congress on Jan. 9 and to than a percentage point faster than retire to California 11 days later.

But it is noteworthy, because President-elect George Bush, in deter Blue Chip Indicators.

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# This 'New Look' at Debt

President-elect Bush says it is time to markets has added substantially to the U.S. take "a whole new look" at the Third trade deficit Lost exports to Latin America World's \$1.3 trillion debt. Indeed, and past time. Flexibility from the incoming administration is welcome. President Reagan's kets will not revive until their economies get hands-off policy has hurt debtor nations and America's vital interests as well.

The World Bank reports that interest payments forced a net outflow of \$43 billion from debtor countries this year alone; an analysis by the Council on Foreign Relations calls it "a massive, perverse redistribution of income" from the poor to the rich.

With the industrial world enjoying solid prosperity and the major banks in better shape than when the debt crisis erupted six years ago, the poor are getting poorer and increasingly restive. According to the World Bank, per capita income in many Latin an countries is lower than 10 years ago. In Africa, it is 25 percent lower. Compassion and leadership require addressing the whole problem; U.S. self-interest requires special attention to Latin America.

Democracies have replaced dictatorships in Brazil, Argentina and elsewhere. But national elections are coming up for seven Latin debtors in the next two years, and populist candidates tempt voters with prom-ises of radical action to end the debt squeeze. It is urgent that Washington help promptly.

Mexico, its election past but its future uncertain, also warrants special concern.

Economic self-interest is equally strong; the Third World buys more than a third of America's exports. The weakening of those

alone are estimated to have cost some 340,000 American jobs. Third World marrelief from heavy debt service burdens.

Mr. Bush concedes that "we've got enormous problems, particularly in our own hemisphere." Yet already his "whole new look" seems cramped. He indicated that he opposes forgiving debt outright, and also rejects proposals for debt to be taken over at a discount by an international body like the World Bank, using public funds. His advisers reportedly lean toward revising bank regulations and tax law, to permit banks to be more lenient on outstan debts and more generous with new loans.

With James Baker as his secretary of state, Mr. Bush would hardly admit that the Reagan administration's "Baker plan" failed. That initiative, launched three years ago when Mr. Baker was treasury secretary, sought to promote growth in debtor countries that agreed to structural reforms. But it depended on large new credits from banks and international agencies, credits that never materialized. The problem is more acute than ever.

A far-reaching new governmental approach, committing real money and forgiving some debt in selected cases, would show that the rich finally see what they have done to the poor - as well as to themselves and intend to correct it.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# If Not Reagan, Who?

Ronald Reagan came to office saying that be could too raise military spending, cut taxes and balance the budget in four years. The money would come from two sources: the economic growth that the tax cuts would engender, which in turn would produce extra revenue; and the heavy layers of fat that conservative fore said was just waiting to be stripped from domestic spending.

America has had both the growth and much more of the cutting than is generally acknowledged. The U.S. economy is now in its sixth year of recovery from an initial deep recession, the longest such peacetime expansion (as the Reagan people are themselves fond of saying in a slightly different context) in the 150 years for which there are records. By now the knife has also been applied to just about every major area of domestic spending, including the powerful entitlement programs that certain critics wrongly claim have been exempt. Social Security was worked over in 1983, Medicare the same year, civil service and military retirement in 1986. Subsidized housing, the fastest-growing welfare program of the 1970s, was put on hold; the revenue-sharing and public-sector jobs programs were both abolished; federal sewage treatment grants are to be phased out; federal grants of all kinds have fallen from about a fourth to about a sixth of state and local government revenue - and the budget deficit is still \$150 billion a year.

It is not the president's "iron triangle" that has kept it there. The original idea was wrong. In the end not even be could come up with enough spending cuts to support the caricature of the federal government on which his policy was based. The proof is in the record. If Ronald Reagan cannot make

What me country has now is a leaner government, an accomplishment for which Mr. Reagan deserves much greater credit than his fiscal record and accustomed rhetoric allow him to accept. But the country also finally has a level of services which it is unwilling either to pay for or to cut. To some extent the social compact has been broken; the budget deficit reflects that. Mr. Reagan more than doubled the national debt. To finance both the spending and taxes he in-dulgently proposed, the government had to borrow about \$1.5 trillion, much of it from foreigners. That cannot go on. George Bush and the next Congress must restore not just a fiscal but a social balance. The party is over. And if spending cannot be cut much -it can be cut some, but some must also be increased — that means more taxes.

How to get there? It will be hard after the election. The Democrats want to make Mr. Bush admit he needs the tax increase be said in the campaign he would not seek. That is understandable enough — up to a point. Then they need to help him reach the necessary compromise, as his own record in government and the appointments he has made suggest he will do. Will gin-micks be required? A trust fund, perhaps; no tax increase except that the funds go into a separate fund for reduction of the deficit. The purists say it is phony, which in one sense it is: All federal funds are fungible. But in another sense it is not; appearances are themselves a form of disline. If it takes a trust fund to get the job done, by all means set one up. The country has a desperate problem. Both parties win if the politicians solve it; neither does if they do not.

# **Teen-Agers on Steroids**

on the use of anabolic steroids by teen-agers, particularly young males. In the first national survey of steroid use by American teenagers, Pennsylvania State University has found that nearly 7 percent of the boys had used or were using steroids, often at the age of 15 and even earlier. Nearly half of those who had tried steroids said that they were

using more than one type at the same time. Steroids gained attention at the Seoul Olympics. A number of victorious athletes, including the Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, were forced to give up medals when they tested positive for steroids. WRC television ington also brought attention to the problem of juveniles on steroids in a series entitled "Well Built Lies." Steroids increase the ability to exercise at intensity levels that the human body ordinarily cannot tolerate, speeding up muscle building and healing. But the list of harmful side effects, espe-

cially from prolonged use, continues to grow. These drugs have been linked to heart attacks, heart disease, high blood pressure, testicular atrophy, prostate cancer, sterility, liver cancer, tumor development, kidney disorders and breast cancer. They upset the immune system and can cause profound mood swings and unusually aggressive be-

It is clearly time to focus more attention havior. Withdrawal symptoms include depression, disabling fatigue and even suicid-al tendencies. Among adolescents, steroids can permanently stunt bone growth and curtail sexual maturation.

Teen-agers who use steroids say they do so to gain an edge in competitive sports or to improve their physical appearance. The temptation is to use the drug even more often to get bigger and stronger, and to keep using it to maintain that strength. Schools, coaches and parents must do more to counsel young people on the harmful effects of such drugs. But society sends too many mixed signals

to impressionable teen-agers. Many professional and adult amateur athletes rely on steroids, and that only encourages younger athletes to do the same. In the National Football League, team coaches and players recently honored two players who had been suspended earlier this season for illegal drug use, by selecting them for the upcoming Pro Bowl. That is the NFL's all-star game, and voting for those two players sends an appalling message to young peo-ple. If persuading the young to avoid drugs is the goal, adults must set the tone. So far the efforts have been disappointing.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

### Other Comment

Tokyo Talks: A New Chapter

Japan and the Soviet Union have yet to reconcile their differences on the thorny Northern Territories issue. However, [Eduard] Shevardnadze admitted in a press gained a new momentum for advanceme conference after the talks that both sides had thrashed out their views on the history of those territories since the 19th century. This was a big change for the Soviet Union. In the past, the Soviets consistently refused to admit there was any territorial problem,

insisting it was a resolved and closed case. The Japan-Soviet talks this time helped open the way for future bilateral negotiations of a continuous nature at various levels. We believe the Japan-Soviet relationship has Mr. Shevardnadze said a "new chapter" has been opened in Japan-Soviet relations. We fully agree. From now on, the question is how "readable" the two countries

will make this chapter. - The Asahi Shimbun (Tokyo).

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# **OPINION**

# Swords to Plowshares: It's Not That Easy

By Bernard D. Nossiter

London—Among the astonishments of Mikhail Gorbachev's United Nations speech was his probing of capitalism's soft underbelly. The Soviet leader implicitly questioned whether the U.S. economy can prosper without arms spending. Mr. Gorbachev's predecessors

would have taken a harder line, tainting capitalism for an alleged dependence on arms spending to maintain jobs and output. But Mr. Gorbachev is in no position to do that. He is desperately trying to turn the Soviet structure into something resembling the West, away from a command economy and toward a market-style economy.

publish plans describing how its missiles can be transformed into computers, how weapons production lines will turn out civilian products. This has considerable surface appeal. If governments make clear there can be a civilian demand for Lockheed products, Lockheed's pressure for new military contracts should ease.

Unfortunately, Lockheed will re-main unconvinced. In the first Nixon term, with the end of the Vietnam But anyone seriously concerned with reducing the global level of arms outlays must address the link war in sight, there was much talk of the substantial dividends that citizens would receive from war produc-



between weapons and jobs. At the United Nations, Mr. Gorbachev did just this, and with some subtlety.

He proposed that each nation turned to civilian use. The dividends never materialized and military budgets remained high.

One trouble is that the big war contractors - General Dynas Martin Marietta, Lockheed and the rest - are unfit for civilian markets. With some justice, they believe they cannot convert. They have lived too long in a world where all costs, plus a profit, are paid by a single, unde-manding customer, the Pentagon.

This environment does not breed tough, efficient competitors. Rather, as Seymour Melman of Columbia University has been arming for years, it turns engineers and scientists inside out. They seek to maximize rather that min nize costs. This yields more profit for their employer. And it pleases their customer be-cause the higher the cost of any pro-

peor, the greater the number of generals and admirals who will run it.

Nor does the Pentagon care much about what comes off the assembly ine. Even before Mr. Gorbache the generals knew no war is possible between superpowers, and that complex weapons systems are costly and unreliable. So the Pentagon fakes tests to win approval of shoddy tanks, unflyable planes and oth-er pieces of electronic junk. It is easy to construct an input-on European affairs.

output model demonstrating that aerospace managers and workers can build homes, hospitals, parks or a cleaner environment. There is no inevitable link between arms and jobs; demand can be created for peaceful spending. But Congress is reluctant to vote for civilian pro-

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jects, especially those that might compete with private industry. Congress is usually amenable to approving weapons. That is why America overcame the recessions of 1958, 1961 and 1982 largely with expanded arms outlays.

The United States is thus unlikely to accept Mr. Gorbachev's proposal for a conversion model. Capitalist prosperity need not rest on a weap-ons base; but it is simpler to do what has always been done.

Of course, any scheme proposed by Soviet leaders must be treated with suspicion by the weapons-making communities. But Mr. Gorbachev's probing is instructive. Despite his overwhelming troubles at home, he and his advisers have the wit to raise important issues that Western policymakers would prefer to forget.

Mr. Nossiter, a longtime foreign correspondent for The Washington Post who later covered the United Nations for The New York Times, now writes a column from London

# Disarmament: How to Ease the Pain of Conversion

GENEVA — Mikhail Gorba-chev's announcement of uni-lateral cuts in Soviet forces has given a boost to the disarmament process. This could have far-reaching reper-cussions. Much has been said about how disarmament could help reduce the U.S. budget deficit and spur economic development in the Soviet Union. But a superpower detente and commitment to disammament could also trigger a process in which arms-related resources are applied

increasingly to civilian production.

The main issue is how to ease the pain of transition. The International Labor Organization has done extensive research on the social and economic implications of disarmament our findings show no serious impact on the economy or on employment. The world today spends an esti-mated \$120 billion a year on defense. From 1976 to 1986, arms production alone accounted for an average of 6.5 percent of worldwide GNP (rising from \$350 billion in 1976 to \$810 billion in 1986). A 20 percent reduction would release sufficient resources to revive the global economy. And as Lord Philip Noel-Baker, the 1959 Nobel Peace Prize winner, once pointed out, only a few hundred million dollars a year could help wipe out illiteracy worldwide or eradicate such diseases as malaria, trachoma, leprosy and yaws. But disarmament, to be socially painless, must be carefully planned and implemented. More than 50

million people are associated with

By Francis Blanchard

The writer is director general of the International Labor Office in Geneva.

Any contraction of the industry should be linked to a structural adjustment program to ensure that those displaced by closure of arms factories or demobilization of standing armies could be productively employed elsewhere.

The tentative findings of ILO re-search leave little room for pessi-mism on this count. Disarmament is, in effect, a form of structural change; it can be planned, and its negative effects can be offset.

How would disarmament affect development? Our research shows that if funds were used to increase concessional aid flows instead of military spending, employment would

benefit overall. Incomes and employment rates would rise in the developing countries, thereby benefiting th export sectors (particularly manufac-turing) in the wealthy countries.

Of course, no one would suggest that disarmament should be held

back because no other use could be found for arms plants or because workers could not find comparable employment. But the conversion problem must be tackled seniously. One way would be to target disar-

mament on the most capital-intensive military production units, where the fewest workers would be displaced by defense cuts. The INF Treaty is an example of this. Another



terms of reduced budgets rather than the abolition of particular weapons systems, is to cut primarily those activities using skills and occupations in great demand elsewhere in

the economy, or to make cuts in regions with low unemployment.

Enterprises should be encouraged to diversify production in advance of disarmament measures Any enterprise that switches too suddenly from military to civilianrelated production is likely to face a jolt from the stiff competition

of civilian markets. It would be wrong to exaggerate these difficulties. Even in manufacturing, much defense-related production and employment is with subcontractors; not all are dependent on defense orders. In nonmanufacturing sectors, such as construction and transportation, which account for nearly half the civilian employment dependent on defense spending, the conversion to nonmittary applications will be relatively painless.

Where conversion to production of other goods and services proves impossible, a program of loans on favorable terms and retraining and job-seeking assistance to the workers and small-scale employers af-fected by defense cuts would help. The economic and social consequences of disarmament are highly debatable. But one thing is clear: In the long run, disarmament will promote economic and social progress International Herald Tribune.

### Drawings by LOMIDEZE, CAW Syndicate. the defense industry worldwide. No Bells This Year in Bethlehem, but Hope for Peace

C HICAGO — This holiday sea-son, in a silent witness to the need for peace, the bells in Bethlehem will not ring. No peace in Bethlehem but, for the first time in years, there is hope. In agreeing to engage in "substantive discussions" with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Reagan administration has taken a courageous step. It was a necessary response to the PLO's bold step of recognizing Israel's right to exist, embracing Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and

renouncing terrorism.

Since my first visit to the Middle East in 1979, I have urged the Palestinian leadership to take this step, while I have worked and prayed for an end to the U.S. government's "no talk" policy. It was clear then that peace could come only from agreement among adversaries. It was also clear that, as a superpower with im-portant interests in the Middle East, if

WASHINGTON — A new face now appears on the world scene, and for Israel, not a mo-

For 50 demeaning days following

an indecisive election, the politicians of Israel's major parties sought to buy the support of the small religious par-

the support of the small reagons par-ties with concessions to orthodoxy.

That invited a brief "tyranny of the minority," dismaying most Israelis and offending Jews around the world.

Then came a dash of cold water. When the United States agreed to ac-

cept the PLO's verbal assurances and

to explore mediation, Israel could no

longer afford political paralysis at

bome, estranged supporters abroad and a government that could fall at the

Give credit to Prime Minister Yitz-

Over the protests of purists in both

parties, these men put patriotism first and organized a coalition that freezes

out religious parties and presents a

First order of business is electoral

reform — changing the system to pre-vent future domination by any minor-ity. A four-minister commission is be-

ing appointed to recommend to the

Knesset a more stable democracy; Mr.

Shamir pledges that the next election in 1992 will be under the new rules.

Equally important is the emer-

gence of a man of the future in the

leadership quartet. He is Moshe Arens, 63, a hard-liner who has

served both as defense minister and

ambassador to the United States, now

thrust forward as foreign minister, the all-important portfolio this year.

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Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin.

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we could not act, we could not help. With this step, the United States is now able to engage in dialogue with all of the parties necessary to a settlement in the Middle East. And only Arrerica is in a position to do for Israelis and Palestinians what they cannot do for themselves — pry them apart from their death grip, calm their fears and guarantee their mutual security as we

work together toward a just solution.

The administration must urge the Palestinians to remain true to their commitment to seek peace through negotiations. At the same time, I urge Secretary of State George Shultz to engage Israel's leaders in a new dialogue for peace. Now is the moment for Israeli leaders to affirm their commitment to Resolutions 242 and 338, to demonstrate their desire for a

Here's Moshe Arens, None Too Soon

By William Safire

Born in Lithuania, he came to the

united States at the age of 14, served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in World War II, went to Palestine to fight in the Irgun at the birth of Israel, and later implied the server on at the Massachest of the M

ished his education at the Massa-chuseus Institute of Technology as

an aeronautical engineer.
Strong-minded rather than phonytough, "Misha" Arens shows a great-

er understanding of American cul-

ture and free coterprise than any

He will need that now. Mr. Peres has moved over to the Finance Minis-

try (lest we forget, he helped bring Israel back from a Weimar-style infla-

tion), but can be expected to pop off

with dovish foreign policy proposals.

For one example, Mr. Peres (who

dutifully says he opposes direct talks with the Palestine Liberation Organi-zation) has just proposed "the hold-ing of free and secret political elec-

tions for the West Bank and Gaza in

an atmosphere of tranquillity and, on

our part, total noninterference" ("For

Free and Peaceful Elections in the Ter-

Sounds great, but no Palestinian

who wants to live will oppose the

The Peres plan is a fig leaf to make

possible direct dealing with Mr. Arafat, who would choose the Pales-

tinian candidates. What, Mr. Arens

will be asked, would be wrong with

that? Do you not have to negotiate

What is wrong is this: No nation will place its national security in the

ritories," IHT, Dec. 22).

PLO in the territories.

Israeli leader since Golda Meir.

By Jesse Jackson visions of peace. The core problem is one of fear. Forty years of conflict we could not talk, we could not act. If peaceful settlement of the conflict and bave charred not only the land but the to indicate recognition of the Palestin-ian claim for self-determination. The formula for a peace settlement has long been clear. It would have to

include mutual recognition for mutual security, land for peace and international guarantees to ensure the peace. Self-determination for the Palestinians and security for Israel have always been two sides of the same coin. The prospect of peace in the Middle East is compelling. With peace, and freed from the burden of occupation and war, Israelis and Palestinians could build vibrant centers of trade and culture. With years the many

and culture. With peace, the money spent on weapons of death could be invested in communities of life.

But, as Anwar Sadat said before the Knesset, any settlement will depend on more than logical formulas and

hands of its sworn enemies. Too many PLO terrorcrats make no se-

cret of their goal: the taking of the

West Bank as the first stage in a two-

stage war of extermination.

Isn't it a bit much to ask Israel to

bet its survival on the possibility that

the extreme faction — with its talent for assassination — will be forever

repressed by new "moderates"?

The threat to Israelis from the

Arab world is no chimera. Sandi Ara-bia proudly subsidizes the *intifada* violence. Syria, with scandalous tech-

nical help from West European com-

panies, is trying to fit poison-gas war-heads onto its Soviet missiles. Libya

is investing heavily in the sort of

John Tower should begin working with Israel on a joint surgical strike in the cause of nonproliferation.

No wonder the Israelis do not

trust Yasser Arafat and his backers

That was the genius of the Camp David approach: building Israeli trust gradually, as Palestinian autonomy

grows over a few years of cohabitation to negotiations about sovereignty.

In time, in stages designed to dem-onstrate peaceful intent, a way can be

found to live side by side.

George Bush need join no interna-

tional stampede. The way to induce

Israeli risk-taking is not for America

to pressure its ally, but for Arab na-

tions to recognize and directly reas-sure their neighbor.

Minister Arens to come up with a

sensible démarche right away.

Give the man a month. The New York Times.

We should not expect Foreign

effectively to slaughter Kurds.

or his competitors.

nical weapon the Iraqis used so

spirit. Each side has made the other a demon. Conflict has become an accustomed visitor, peace a stranger.
Fears and suspicions have already

been voiced. Some Israeli leaders vow "never" to talk with the PLO. Some Arabs scorn the prospect of peace for the pride of conquest. It is not enough to rely on formal and official dialogue among leaders. Citizen action has brought us the first fragile sprigs of peace. The nonviolent protest and suffering of young Palesticians in the Newton of Communications in the Newton of Communication of Communications in the Newton of Communication of Communications in the Newton of Communication of C tinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip provided the seed from which the PLO's recent initiative grew. Ameri-can Jewish leaders helped germinate

the administration's response.

Now we need a broader dialogue to fertilize the ground for peace. Churches, universities, cities and citizen groups can act to expand the exchange between Israelis and Palestinians, between Jews and Arabs, in America and abroad. The exchange of deaths must be surpassed by an exchange of views. Citizen dialogue can help. A new clive branch has been

raised. Its tender shoots must be nourished. Peace is not the work of a few -it is a calling for all who are inspired by its promise. Let us act now so that some day soon the bells will ring again in Bethlehem, so that peace will heal the land.

The writer, president of the National Rainbow Coalition, contributed this to The New York Times.

# With Thanks For the Faith She Instilled

By James C. Thomson Jr. BOSTON — Fifty years ago this month, the Swedish Academy shocked the American literary establishment by awarding the Nobel Prize for Literature to Pearl S. Buck. The Nobel Committee not only had passed over such candidates as Theodore Dreiser and Sherwood Anderson; it had given this exalted accolade to a former missionary and a woman. As Robert Frost remarked,

"If she can get it, anybody can."

In China, where Pearl Buck had lived for most of her 46 years, the response among Chinese intellectuals was cool for a different reason. By what right could a white-faced female win fame for writing about life in China when no Chinese writer had ever received a Nobel Prize?

Nonetheless, Pearl Buck commanded the loyalty of millions of readers during her prolific four de-cades as a writer. She provided vivid images of China and the Chinese that persist to this day. Largely because of her, generations of Americans have viewed the Chinese people with affec-

tion and respect regardless of the shifting political climate. The American public first fell in love with her classic, "The Good Earth" (1931). But as Harold Isaacs revealed in his study, "Scratches on Our Minds," American clites of the 1950s - opinion-makers be had interreviewed in government, the press, business and the universities — were profoundly and positively affected by the Chinese depicted by Pearl Buck. Miraculously, such favorable images survived the dark decades of the Korean West and Macann

War, the Vietnam War and Macism. The Chinese continue to be rankled by the old issue of unfairness. This year, happily, the Nobel Committee has announced that it is adding to its jury at least one scholar who can read Chinese; from now on, Chinese writers will have a chance.

But Pearl Buck's problems in China also steep from her teners toward the

also stem from her stance toward the Chinese revolution. Reared in the twi-light of the Confucian Empire, she eventually scorned both the seedy corruption of the Chiang Kai-shek dicta-torship and the totalitarian barbarities of Mao. She refused to visit Taiwan and warmly applauded President Richard Nixon's rapprochement with the People's Republic in 1972. Yet her application for a visa to return to her China home was anguly rejected that spring, and within a year she had died. Through decades of ideological fanaticism, she held herself aloof from politics. Her yearning, one senses, was for the stability and serenity of Chinese peasant life in the good phases of the Confucian Empire, but from her writings about ugliness and injustice it is clear the beautypic himself. is clear she knew such times were gone. Still, she was sustained by faith in the triumph of the Chinese spirit.

It is alleged, with some truth, that she never again wrote anything as brilliant as the twin biographies of herparents, "Fighting Angel" and "The Exile," and "The Good Earth," It is also argued that she wrote too much for a "serious" artist: more than 100 works of fiction and nonfiction. Yet, she wrote primarily as a secular missionary, using her Nobel status to "yeach as wide a public as possible. Royalties from a mass readership also meant she could pay the institutional bills for her retarded child, for her dozen adorted and foster children for dozen adopted and foster children, for the often shaky publishing house of her second husband, and especially for her pioneering charitable enterprises.

Pearl Buck was in several senses a woman before her time. As John Hersey wrote at the time of her death, "She anticipated nearly every single one of the recent 'discoveries' of the women's liberation movement." Appalled by the condition of blacks in 1930s America, she built close ties with women in Harlem and pioneered with Eleanor Roosevelt in promoting the cause of civil rights. She was an early advocate of the control of nuclear weapons. In the late 1940s she finally wrote publicly about her retarded daughter, breaking a national taboo and inspiring the Kennedy family and others to do the same. She brought the American conscience to bear on the plight of the outcast offspring of U.S.

servicemen and Asian women.
The greatest debt to Pearl Buck is owed by Americans and Chinese; for creating an apparently unshakable.

American faith in the Chinese people.

As both nations approach the centernial of her birth in 1992, she deserves trans-Pacific celebration.

The writer, a professor of history and journalism at Boston University and former curator of the Nieman Fellowships at Harvard, is a specialist in American-East Asian relations. He contributed this to The Western this to The Washington Post.

### 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Haitian Rebellion NEW YORK - A steamer which has

arrived bringing the latest informa-tion from Haiti reports that at the battle of Mirabalair recently the rebels defeated the government troops, with heavy loss of life. Mr. Cavalho, the nephew of the leader Hippolyte, has arrived in New York. He states that the government will be unable to maintain their position. Despatches from Washington report that Secretary Bayard told the agent from Haiti that he would recognize neither faction there until the people had declared themselves.

1913: Mexican Holiday

MEXICO CITY - A Presidential decree issued this afternoon [Dec. 21] makes every day, including today, until the end of the year, a legal holiday. This action has been taken to check a run on the banks. With the

of the other financial houses have taken advantage of the decree. These banks are being guarded by a strong force of police. The rebels are pressing close around Tampico, and a formal attack is expected soon.

### 1938: Germans Protest WASHINGTON - An official Ger-

man protest at the bitter attack on the Hitler regime by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, today [Dec. 22] was rejected with a blunt statement by the State Department that the opinions expressed by Mr. Ickes were shared by an overwhelming majority of the American people. In flatly rejecting the protest by Dr. Hans.
Thomsen, German Charge d'Affaires, Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, declared that as long as newspapers in the Third Reich contimed to vilify American politicians, Germany could not expect retailstory attacks to cease. Mr. Welles: exception of the Bank of London and Mexico and the Central Bank, none "ill graced" and having no propriety.

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THE CRASH OF FLIGHT 103: Amid speculation about a bomb, anti-terrorist experts seek the cause of Britain's worst aircraft disaster.

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speculate about whether a bomb-had caused the plane to explode. "They are looking for evidence and I really think it must wait until they have found the evidence and

then pronounce," she said.

The technical secretary of the British Airline Pilots Association, Freddie Yetman, said that only sabotage or structural failure could have destroyed the plane at 31,000 feet (9,500 meters). He added, "It seems to me that the possibility of structural failure is almost too re-

CRASH: Jet Disintegrated in Air Commander George Churchill-Coleman, the anti-terforist chief called into the cliff, said that the authorities had been aware of the Federal Aviation Administration notice and had taken it seriously.

The Palestine Liberation Organization said Thursday night that 13 adults and 4 children in Lockerbie were missing and unaccounted for, and that the police had been unable to tell how many people died in the wreckage of five burned-out vehi-

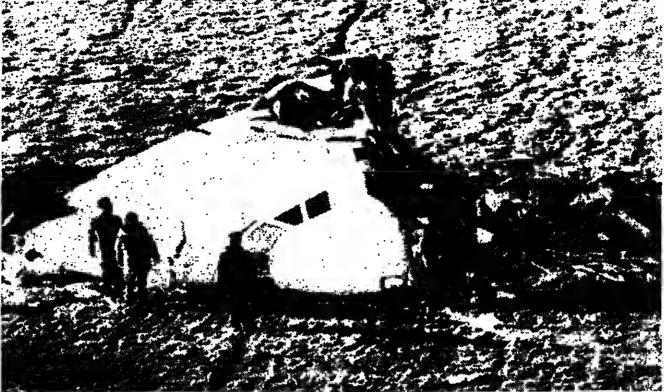
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Anonymous calleds to The Asso-ciated Press and United Press International news agencies in London said Thursday that a group called Guardians of the Islamic Revolution were responsible for the disaster. They said they they were retaliating for the shooting down of an Iranian Airbus by the U.S. Navy cruiser Vincennes in

That incident, in which 290 passengers and crew on the civilian airliner died, happened because the ship mistakenly identified it as an attacking combat plane.

Guardians of the Islamic Revolution is believed to be a pro-Iranian fundamentalist Moslem group based in Lebenon. In July 1987, the group claimed

responsibility for a car bombing in London that wounded Amirhus sein Amir-Parviz, chairman of the National Movement for Iranian



Policemen examining the nose of the jet four miles from Lockerbie, Scotland. Pieces fell up to 80 miles from the main point of impact.

NEW YORK -Pan Am issued a

list Thursday of the names of the 16 crew aboard Flight 103:

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# **UN's Namibia Chief** Is Killed in Crash

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Berni Carlsson, a p ger on the Pan Am flight that crashed over Scotland, had served as chief administrative officer of the United Nations Council for South-West Africa since July 1987.

He was on his way here for a ceremony Thursday, at which ac-cords providing for the territory's independence were to be signed by Angola, Cuba and South Africa.

The officer is, in theory, the UNappointed governor for Sooth-West Africa, the South African-ruled territory also known as Namibia. But because United Nations authority over Namibia is not recognized by South Africa, he is in practice the chief UN officer in charge of development programs intended to prepare Namibia for

Mr. Carlsson, 51, a Swedish diplomat, had been in London for a meeting with congovernmental groups, UN officials said. He tele-phoned his office from the board-

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ing gate at Heathrow Airport be-fore the flight to New York. From 1983 to 1985 Mr. Carisson erved as a Swedish ambassador at large and special emissary to the Middle East and Africa. He was general secretary of the Socialist iternational, the world federation of socialist and social democration

parties, from 1976 to 1983. He also served as international secretary of the Swedish Social Democratic Party and as undersecretary of state for Nordie affairs in the Swedish Foreign Ministry.

### John Mulroy, 59, An AP Executive

NEW YORK (AP) --- John Mulroy, director of international communications for The Associated Press, died along with five family members in the Pan Am crash.

Mr. Mulroy, 59, joined the AP in August 1984 after 25 years with Pan Am, where he had been director of communications. A native of County Mayo, Ireland, he maintained a second home there.

### Michael Bernstein, 36, U.S. Justice Official

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Justice Department employee, Michael Bernstein, was killed in the Pan Am crash. Mr. Bernstein, 36, worked in the Office of Special Investigations, the department's Nazi-hunting unit. He had been in Austria negotiating a treaty that would allow some former Nazis in the United States to be returned to that country,

### A U.S. A-10 Crashes in U.K.

The Associated Press OVER, England - A U.S. Air Force pilot ejected safely from an A-10 jet fighter Thursday before it crashed. It was the second crash of

more than a dozen customers had changed their flight plans. In Helsinki, the Foreign Minis try said that the Israeli and U.S. embassies had received several threats from an Arab resident this

year, most recently on Dec. 5. "In the investigation so far, no direct connection has been found between the Arab living in Finland and the air accident in question," the statement said. It said that "the suspected phone caller" had not

threatening telephone call. In Frankfurt, an airport security chief said that officials stepped up security at Pan Am after receiving threats against the carrier earlier

left Finland since making his last

Other U.S. sources said that the Federal Aviation Administration told Pan Am early this month that the airline might be the target of a terrorist bombing on a flight from

Frankfurt. The Pan Am flight that crashed Wednesday in Scotland, killing all people aboard, originated in Frankfurt with a Boeing 727, Passengers were transferred to a 747 at

Heathrow Airport in London. At the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, a Dec. 13 circular from William C. Kelly, the administrative counselor, was posted on bulletin boards. It read, referring to the embassy: "Post has been notified by the Fedcral Aviation Administration that on Dec. 5, 1988, an unidentified individual telephoned a U.S. diplomatic facility in Europe and stated that sometime within the next two weeks there would be a bombing attempt against a Pan American sucraft flying from Frankfurt to

the United States. "The FAA reports that the reliability of the information cannot be assessed at this point, but the appropriate police authorities have been notified and are pursuing the matter. Pan Affi has also been noti-

In view of the lack of confirmation of this information, post leaves to the discretion of individual travclers any decisions on altering personal travel plans or changing to another American carrier."

Dennis Harter, spokesman for

the State Department task force assigned to deal with the crash, said that similar notices had been sent to all U.S. missions. But he said that such notices were routinely sent to U.S. exhbassies when threats were finde against American targets, and a warning of that nature would not have been viewed as

anything unusual."
Mr. Fitzwater stressed that the United States had no evidence or information that sabotage caused the explosion aboard the plane. He noted that Prime Minister Mir Hussein Moussavi of Iran had categorically denied involvement in the crash, and that the Palestine Liberation Organization had also

She said that she learned of the

takeoff at the airport in Riyadh.

at Gander, Newfoundland.

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# **A History** Of Trouble **On the 747**

The Pao Am 747 that crashed Wednesday in Scot-land was the 15th oldest model delivered by Boeing Co. and had a history of trouble that included cracks and corrosion, U.S. records show.

The troubles are cited in service reports filed to the Federal Aviation Administration by Pan American World Airways. A computer study of seven years of these reports showed that, since 1980, the plane had experienced at least 24 mechanical difficulties severe enough to warrant official no-

A Boeing spokesman said that the plane was taken out of service from April 11 to Sept. 27, 1987, when it underwent substantial modifications. He said the modification "invalidates" the prior difficulty reports, because any structural deficiencies would have been repaired at that time,

The aircraft was put into the "civil reserve air fleet," an air force program that modifies civilian jetliners for future use in war or national emergency. It was disassembled and structural parts were reinforced. For example, floor beams were strengthened to allow cargo to be carried.

The spokesman said that the plane's usage over the years has not been above average. He said that it had flown an estimated 72,000 hours and made about 16,500 "cycles," a cycle being a takeoff and land-

The largest oumber of difficulty reports occurred last year, while the aircraft was out of service for modifications. They numbered 11. Six reported corrosion and cracks.

### **VILLAGE:** A Hellish Night

(Continued from page 1) to find her. After a few minutes' search, she found her sister-in-law crouched beside a neighborhood church, oursing an injured ankie and seeking refuge from the falling

Lockerbie, with 2,500 residents, has been so quiet that people here have almost forgotten the last big disaster to strike their town. That was on May 14, 1883, when, according to a historical sketch by Thomas Henderson, 13 persons were killed and 13 injured by a "railway smash" at Lockerbie sta-

The people of Lockerbie seemed unlikely to forget the latest disas-ter. Chief Constable John Boyd said 13 adults and four children had been reported missing and were still unaccounted for after a day of searching in several of the

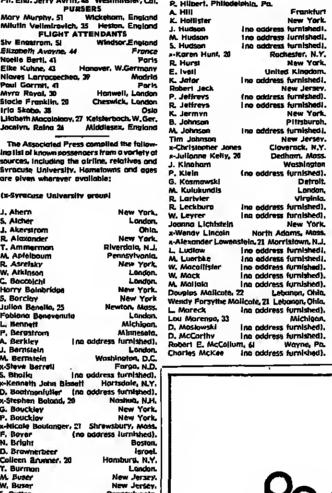
hardest-hit areas.

Mr. Boyd said he was unsure whether all of the highway travelers had been accounted for. A rescue official explained that most bodies recovered so far have not been identified, which has left open the question of whether they came falling from the sky or were killed on

The police posted a list of Lock-erbic residents who have moved into new lodging, hoping to reas-sure relatives. But the list carried oo explanation, and some elderly men and women strained to understand whether the names were those of victims or those of suri-

Syracuse Mourns Hundreds clustered around the chapel at Syracuse University after learning that 38 students were aboard Flight 103. Many listened

sociated Press reported from Syracuse, New York. "It still hasn't really hit," said Chris Healy, a junior from Seaford. He said one of his friends was among the students booked on the



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### 2 Bomb Scares Disrupt Flights Of U.K. Airline

ROME - A British Airways TriStar triple jet with 242 passen-gers and 13 crew aboard made an unscheduled landing at Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci airport Thursday after receiving a warning there was a bomb aboard the plane. In Loodon, a bomb scare de-

layed another British Airways flight at Heathrow Airport. That plane, a Boeing 747, took off five hours late for the United States. Flight controllers in Rome said

the warning that led to the landing there had been received by British Airways in London and radioed to the pilot of the plane, which was en route to London from Kuwait. The departure of Flight 279 from London to Chicago was delayed

to prayers, and many uttered the refrain, "It can't be true," The Asafter "B-B" was found written in lipstick on a toilet mirror, a passen ger, Elaine Katz, said. She said that the 280 passengers disembarked and stood on the runway as bag-gage was unloaded. Passengers were asked to identify their luggage and it was reloaded. (UPI, Reuters)



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(Continued from page 1) New York said that the airline had received a memorandum from the Federal Aviation Administration about the threat. The spokeswoman, Pam Hanlon, quoted the docu-ment as saying that the information it contained was "solely for the use of U.S. carriers and airport security personnel" and could not be dis-seminated further "without the specific approval of the director of

civil aviation security."] Mrs. Oakley said that embassies were routinely notified because these tips might fit in with other information they might already have. She said that the regional security officer in Frankfurt gave the information to airport security and Pan Am security officials, and added that it was not up to the State Department "to dictate airport security."

"We receive dozens of these kinds of threats and the United States has to evaluate each one of them," she said. "In this instance, even though it was an unverified threat, we took action."

Mrs. Oakley insisted that it was premature to say definitely that the cause of the crash was a bomb or sabotage, although she said that this was "certainly a possibility." She announced that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transport Safety Board had sent representatives to investigate the crash along with teams

from Pan Am and Boeing, the mak-Mrs. Oakley noted that a group calling itself Guardians of the Islamic Revolution had claimed responsibility for the crash in a telehone call in London. She said that a similarly oamed group had claimed responsibility for incidents

last year, including attacks on Iranians in London opposed to Aya-tollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Iraman leader. But she said there was no evidence that they were involved in the Pan Am crash. Fitzwater Warns on Blame

The White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, was unable Thursday to answer a barrage of questions about why government employees were advised of the threat but the public was not. He cautioned against assigning blame.

"In terms of notifying the general public, I wouldn't try to pin responsibility," Mr. Fitzwater said. There are any number of people who are responsible. At this point the focus is on the crash." He indicated that there would be

a review of the rules. A Pan Am employee at the air-line's office in the embassy in Moscow, Enku Kebede, said the threat apparently was delivered to U.S. officials in Germany and was in-

The Worst Air Disasters

The worst commercial airline disasters, before the crash Wednes

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March 27, 1977: 583 killed in a runway collision of two Boeing 747s, operated by Pan American and KLM, on Tenerife in the Canary Islands.

Aug. 12, 1985: 520 of 524 people aboard killed when a Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 crashed into a mountain on a domestic flight. March 3, 1974: All 346 aboard killed when a Turkish Airlines DC-

10 crashed in a forest 26 miles (42 kilometers) northeast of Paris after

takeoff from Orly Airport.

June 23, 1985: All 329 aboard killed when an Air-India Boeing

747 crashed off the coast of Ireland, apparently after an explosion.

Aug. 19, 1989: All 301 aboard killed when a Saudi Arabian

Airlines L-1011 Lockheed TriStar jet caught fire shortly before

July 3, 1988: All 290 aboard killed when an Iran Air A300 Airbus

was shot down over the Gulf by the U.S. cruiser Vincennes after

being mistaken for an attacking plane.
May 25, 1979: All 273 aboard and 2 persons on the ground killed

when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed on takeoff from O'Hare

International Airport in Chicago.

Sept. 1, 1983: All 269 aboard killed when a Korean Air 747 was

shot down by a Soviet fighter after flying through Soviet airspace

Nov. 28, 1979: All 257 aboard killed when an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route from Auckland struck Mount Erebus in Antarctica. Dec. 12, 1985: All 256 killed when an chartered Arrow Air DC-8

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## EUROPEAN **TOPICS**

### Christmas in Sicily: A Political Crib

On Christmas Day throughout Italy, families go strolling to admire the traditional Christmas crèches displayed io churches and public squares. This time, those visiting the creche at the Roman Catholic archbishop's palace in Palermo may be in for a shock, for it depicts the political and social symbols of Sicily's poverty and

The little wooden, ivory and clay figures that make up the place. display were assembled by Cardinal Salvatore Pappalardo, the archbishop of Palermo, who heads the church in Sicily and is an outspoken enemy of the Mafia. The most imposing figurine is that of Polyphemus, Sicily's mythical Cyclops who threw boulders at Ulysses and his companions. He represents violence. There is a crying woman kneeling on a tomb, symbolizing women whose sons, brothers or husbands have been slain in Mafia vendettas. Away from the main group stands a lonely carabiniere, a paramilitary po-liceman. "He tries to bring some order but he doesn't succeed," Cardinal Pappalardo

A large snail symbolizes the slow pace at which regional and local authorities deals with the island's problems. Next to it, a statuette of the Madonna, "to give us the courage and strength to go forward."

### Around Europe

Prisoners in the northern Dutch town of Veenhuizen will make steel cell doors as part of a program aimed at teaching con-victs a profession. Under the project, the first of its kind in the Netherlands, 20 volonteers are learning steel construction techniques at the workshop of Esserheem prison. The two-year courses in welding, lathing and milling cost an annual 3,000 guilders (\$1,500) per inare Asians or Latin Americans

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convicted of drug smuggling. They are the most motivated of all, a prison spokesman said, because the training may help them find work once they go

The European Commission has proposed a ban on smoking in public places throughout the EC's 12 member states. The commission called Wednesday for a ban oo smoking io schools, hospitals, theaters, musenms, sports arenas, trains, buses and terminals. Bars and restaurants were not included, but the commission said member states would be "free to include them." The proposal provides for employers and employees to decide jointly about smoking in the work-

Czechoslovakia has balted electronic jamming of Radio Free Europe, according to a spokesmao for the U.S.-financed radio station, which is based in Munich. The station broadcasts programs in Czech and Slovak 20 hours a day. The jamming was stopped last week for the first time since 1951, when the radio started to beam its broadcasts to Eastern Europe. Bulgaria now remains the only East European country that still interferes with the station's broadcasts.

it will be illegal in Britain to dance after midnight in public places on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve because both days fall on a Saturday, John N. Spencer, a chief legal adviser to magistrates in England and Wales, reports in The Times of London, Under the 1870 Sunday Observance Act, it is a criminal offense to keep premises open for public entertainment and for an admittance fee "upon any part of the Lord's Day." There are some excep-nons to the law, including spe-cial permits for nightclubs to stay open until 2 or 3 A.M., but there is no general exemption for public dancing. There is a case for "mild reform." Mr. Spencer said, because it seems slightly unfair that a seedy nightclub may stay open but the local village hall must close."

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# **Alliance of Guerrillas** Seems Unready to Lead A Postwar Afghanistan

By Henry Kamm New York Times Service

PESHAWAR, Pakistan - Less than two months before the last Soviet soldier is to leave Afghanistan, the Afghan guerrilla alliance is displaying as much indecision as the government of Major General Najib, which the Soviet withdrawal is thought to doom.

The United States and Pakistan have channeled billions of dollars in arms and equipment to fighters across the border through the alli-ance, which Washington and Is-lamabad hope will form Afghanistan's first post-Commooist government. But officials of the group's seven parties, military com-manders and diplomats in Islam-abad and Peshawar — the alliance's base - say the group is not ready to provide the national leadership it is likely to be asked to give.

"The alliance as a cohesive body is not at all in a position to go and do that," a senior official of a party in the alliance said. "We did not even reach a consensus on meeting with the Soviets, which is a very basic thing."

The first high-level meetings between alliance leaders and Soviet representatives were held in Taif, Saudi Arabia, from Dec. 3 to 5. The talks were to begin laying the groundwork for a political settle-ment before Feb. 15, the date Moscow is to complete its military withdrawal under accords signed in Geneva last April.

The two alliance leaders who met with Yuli M. Vorontsov, a first deputy foreign minister and the Sovict ambassador to Kabul, were Burhanuddin Rabbani of the Jamiat-i Islami group, who is nearing the end of his three-month term as chairman, and Sibghanullah Mujaddidi of the Afghan National Liberation Front, who is to take over the chairmanship.

Both sides described the meeting as satisfactory and agreed to continue the sessions soon. Alliance officials and diplomats say they expect the next round of talks to open this month in Islamsbad.

Swiss Withdraw Envoys in Lebanon Resters

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meot bad received a warning through diplomatic channels that all Swiss nationals were in danger. The last to go was Ambassador cult and dangeroos," said the It was the same warning that Dino Sciolli, who sailed for Cyprus spokesman, Michel Pache. He said prompted a suspension of activities prompted a suspension of activities by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Lebanon this GAS: U.S. Weighs Action on Libya

The Swiss government, he said, appealed to all Swiss nationals to leave in February, and renewed the call Dec. 2 after a letter was received from Peter Winkler, a Red Cross worker who was then held

Mr. Winkler referred in his letter Swiss government free Hussein Mohammed Hariri, a Lebanese awaiting trial in Switzerland on charges of hijacking.

Mr. Winkler was released last Friday.

The negotiations are viewed as a significant Soviet concession and a major opportunity for the alliance. But almost oo word on the substance of the talks appears to have reached the alliance from its representatives, and no joint planning of negotiating strategy is under way.

Even more significant, in the view of alliance officials and military commanders, is the absence of coordinated military and political planning for the period of transition facing the nation, when only Afghans will be confronting each other on the military and political battlegrounds.

The overriding question is the future of Kabul. The capital is the country's only major population center that has survived nine years of war largely intact. It is a place of refuge for an estimated 1.5 million people displaced by the war, who have swollen the city's population

The alliance faces the vital questions of whether to oegotiate with the Soviets for a peaceful transfer of power, as Moscow proposes; to wait for the Najib government to collapse after the Soviet troops have gone; to attack Kabul outright; or to combine political and military pressures after Feb. 15.

The seven parties' military commanders consider Kabul the war's supreme prize. Yet any move to seize the city is thought to carry, as an immediate consequence, a cutoff of essential Soviet supplies. Military and political representatives of the alliance said that the parties and commanders had reached oo agreement on these questions, and that no top-level discussions were taking place.

A military leader, discussing Kamuch as they do. I would worry even more. We want the regime and the Soviets to go. But how should we kick the regime out and save the people? Should we destroy the city, as the Soviets do? I don't want to make war against my own people. And there is the danger of famine."

He said that he and other commanders would try to work out a plan of their own if the political leaders did not reach crucial decisions within three weeks.

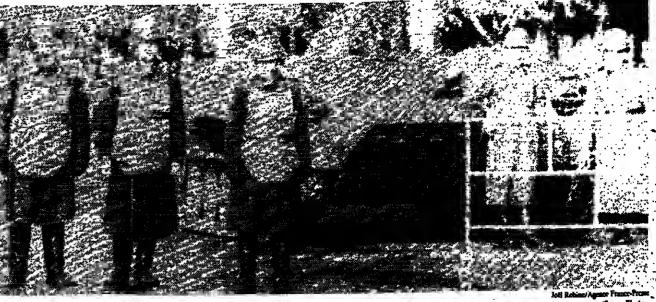
"The alliance as a whole does oot have a common platform from where we can start toward an administration," a political official said. "I'm afraid we don't even have enough qualified people to fill a single ministry. It's that acute."

Guerrillas to Confer

Afghan guerrilla groups will meet in Iran to discuss strategy for a new round of talks with Moscow, Reuters reported from Islamabad. A rebel spokesman said that Mr.

Rabbani, the alliance chairman, would lead a delegation to meet representatives of eight guerrilla groups based in Iran. "An agenda fering to buy it. spokesman said.

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Soviet troops in riot gear stand guard in Yerevan, where security has been stepped up to discourage actions by Armenian nationalists.

# ARMENIA: Troops Give Yerevan the Look of a City Under Military Rule

(Continued from page 1)

tank. His face and tone of voice registered shock and dismay. Military officials at the army headquarters, which overlooks Ye-revan from a hill in the north of the city, said they did not know when the troops would be withdrawn. When all the industrial enter-

prises are working at 100 percent, when all the students are showing up for classes, when it is felt that the safety of Soviet citizens in Yerevan is secure, then this will end," said Colonel Mikhail M. Sorokin, a member of the Yerevan army command staff.

The Soviet authorities describe the state of emergency as regrettably necessary to contain nationalist passions that raged out of control, claiming scores of lives in the neighboring republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan. Since February, the dispute be-

tween the two republics over pos- on nationalist organizers.

session of the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region, an enclave in Azerbaijan with an Armenian majority, has become the Kremlin's most intractable domestic political

What began with street demon-strations and petitions grew into widespread civil disobedience as the Kremlin refused to comply with Armenian demands. Meanwhile, the dispute fed a volatile, historically rooted bitterness between the Christian Armenians and the pre-dominantly Moslem Azerbaijanis.

Mr. Gorhachev initially responded with appeals for calm and compromise, bot his patience wore thin as the Armenians kept up a campaign of public protest and maneuvers in the largely sympathetic Armenian legislature. Armenians generally believe that Mr. Gorbachev seized on the earthquake as a pretext to begin a concerted assault

Karabakh Committee, the unofficial leadership of the campaign to claim Nagomo-Karabakh. The authorities asserted that the arrested Armenians had tried to disrupt relief efforts by organizing demonstrations and spreading rumors.

Friends and relatives of the arrested men deny the charges, contending that the committee was simply trying to organize its own, alternative relief effort because so many Armenians did not trust Moscow to deliver donated goods.

Demonstrators demanding the release of the nationalist leaders clashed with the police in the streets of Yerevan the next day.

Mr. Gorbachev, who had flown to the region to inspect the quake damage, furiously denounced the protest leaders for failing to set two-way exodus of refugees.

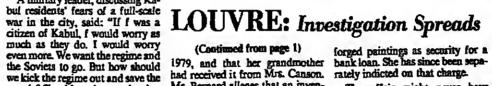
On Dec. 10, police raided the Yerevan writers union building and arrested several members of the With public attention focused on

the earthquake, the arrests have continued. Seven of the 11 committee members are in custody, serving 30-day sentences that family members and friends predict will be extended as long as it suits official

The mood io Yerevan has changed markedly since September, when the authorities briefly lifted a ban on travel to the repub-

lic by foreign reporters. The virtually constop, open-air political discussions that raged outide the city's neoclassical opera. house have ended. The square beside the opera house is now ringed by tanks and troops, who wear buietproof vests at nightfall.

And throughout Armenia, bitteroess toward Azerbaijan is unabated, maintained by a continuing



Mr. Bernard alleges that an inventory of paintings accompanying the wills was typed on a machine found come to light, or gone beyond its in Mr. Lombard's office.

Two repotable sources in Switzerland had earlier written to Christie's when they saw the sale catalogue, pointing out that, to the best of their knowledge, the Murillo painting still belonged to Mrs. Canson, whom they knew personally and who was by then reported-ly emaciated and senile. Mr. Bernard alleges Mr. Lombard was aware of this

In addition, French customs officials filed two reports, saying the pictures belonged to Mrs. Canson and had been illegally exported, but these either did not reach the right desks or if they did, they were

ignored, according to investigators.

They say Mr. Rosenberg was aware the painting had not been bequeathed to Mrs. Pesnel's grandmother in 1979 because he twice wrote to Mrs. Canson in 1981 of-

and date for the next round of talks Mr. Bernard alleges that Mr. Quentin de la Tour in a lawyer's with the Russians will be an- Lombard was fully aware of the office. An Antibes dealer came foralso knew Mrs. Pesnel had offered

that Mrs. Pesnel kept her sister captive and stole her valuable paintings. Mr. Bernard responded by sending gendarmes to search the villa where Mrs. Canson had been living. They hauled away sackfuls

of documentary evidence. Murillo's somberty clad gentleman, glove in one hand and hat in the other, was part of a reputedly fabrilous collection that belonged to Mrs. Canson's father, a Paris collector and heir to a paper-mannfacturing fortune.

As the investigations have progressed, Mr. Bernard has timed up more of the collection. Gendarmes went to Geneva and found a Titian and a Rembrandt in a bank vanit, a Van Dyke in a warehouse and a and two red chalk studies by Bou-cher, which he said he had bought in good faith. A painting by Francesco Guardi was found with a dealer in Paris, who said he had paid 15,000 france for it.



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Photo by Tim Page of wounded U.S. soldiers being evacuated from a landing zone in Vietnam.

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Helmut Newton Retrospective ■ The National Portrait Gallery is giving the first major museum retrospective in England of the work of the photog-rapher Helmut Newton. The exhibition of 115 photographs, many of them in large format, concentrates on portraits, many of the subjects from the worlds of film, photography, fashion, art and the jet set acting out exaggerated images of themselves. To Feb. 16.

New Year at Covent Garden ■ Comedy is the seasonal line at the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, with a re-vival of John Copley's 1982 production of Handel's "Semele," conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras (Dec. 22, 28, 30, Jan. 3, 7), while Jan. 9 brings the premiere of a new production of Johann Strauss's "Die Fledermaus," staged by John Cox and designed by Julia Tre-velyan Oman. Adam Fischer conducts a cast headed by Lillian Watson, Carol Vaness, Claire Powell, Dennis O'Neill, Thomas Allen and Alan Opie. (Also on Jan. 11, 13, 16, 19, 21 and 24.

### BELJING

Nudes Make a Comeback More than 7,000 people, art lovers or merely curious, streamed through the BOCA RATON ROBULT downtown China Art Gallery on the opening day Thursday of an exhibition devoted to a kind of painting once banned by Communist authorities as decadent. The 120 oils in the show all depict nudes in styles ranging from portraits to abstracts. Officials of the gallery said they expected a total of 150,000 visitors in the show's 17-day run, despite a ticket price (about 50 U.S. cents) 10 times higher than usual for Beijing art shows.
At the opening Ying Ruocheng, vice minister of culture and the country's best known film actor, said: "I hope it will break new ground in familiarizing people with this type of art work and in this way raise their artistic sensibilities." Nudes fell into disfavor after the Communist takeover in 1949 and were banned entirely during the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution. Art academies were not allowed to use nude models until 1978.

### UNICEF

Haydn Recording ■ In addition to its familiar Christmas cards, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund has for the last decade issued an annual recording for Reaching Viore That which the artists donate their services. This year's recording on compact disc only, is of three Haydn concertos performed by the Italian violinist Andrea \*Cappelletti and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra conducted by James Blair. The Readers record is available from the Italian 101 Count UNICEF Committee, 1 Via Vittorio Hugo, and other Italian UNICEF offices, for 24,000 lire (\$18.50), and is being distributed commercially in England. the World

# Tim Page, From Lenses to Words

by Warren Getler

Tim Page has an interminable case of wanderlust. It often gets him into trouble. In April 1969, with U.S. troops patrolling the Victnamese-Cambodian border, it nearly cost the Brit-ish photographer his life.

Desperate to stay close to the action, Page jumped off a U.S. Marine Corps helirage jumped out a U.S. Marine Corps hear-copter into a hot landing zone and then — 30 steps out — had the misfortune of stray-ing too close to a land mine; a fragment ripped open his skull.

Page was declared dead on arrival. Ironi-

cally, it was the same status assigned to him nine years earlier in England after he flew

headlong off his motorcycle, He fooled the medical profession on both occasions.

"Three times the accompanying nurse had to thump my heart back to the go mode," at the field hospital in Long Binh, South Victnam, writes Page, 44, in his autobiography, "Page After Page," released last month by Sidewick & Jackson in London "Most of my life, until fairly recently, has been nothing other than a series of reactions to disasters, to accidents," Page

said in a recent interview. Horst Faas, a senior London-based pho-to editor for The Associated Press who worked with Page in Victnam, says that his former employee is "one of the huckiest people to be alive today."

There came to be a saying among the press — don't got out with Tim Page, he attracts trouble," Faas says. "One time, Tim went out on a river patrol boat. Nothing ever used to happen on the [American] PTs, but Page's boat got shot up by the American Air Force and he was badly

The incident is recalled in the autobio raphy: "Something had hit us, and hard. Probably a plane. I fell out of bed and grabbed a camera. The first run had raked the deck, cooking off the gas and ammo.

On the second pass from the second bird, everyone on the deck fighting the blaze had been hit.

"I must have got off a half dozen frames in the cerie flare-lit light before the next jet came in. It was death winking you directly

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youth whose sojourn to the East in the early seepen from into my soul. It was a re-greening."

1960s amounted to a full-course immersion in sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll and war—a true hills of Kent, a small farmer's cottage named Landing Zone 1, Page says that



Photographer Tim Page in his English cottage.

emotional scars from the war, a dissolved and the dentist simultaneously — with all marriage, borderline destitution and suppressed guilt for having left behind for so long the parents who adopted him. In that sense, it is more than another personalized

Vietnam book — it is a story of recovery. Page, in his final chapter, describes how in recent years he's attempted to beat back "the old labels — freak, cripple, junkie, war photographer; boxing labels," by getting back into photography. He has succeeded in landing contracts with back which are in landing contracts with book publishers and travel magazines: photographing wild, but this time, serene landscapes.

In 1984, Page published a book on Sri Lanka—one of his favorite haunts—with the British publisher Thames and Hudson,

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On the surface, "Page After Page" is the for a dozen years. Problems were dissolving travelogue of an innocent, experimental on contact. Serenity seeped from the island

On a deeper level, it's the story of a man writing the autobiography, his first fullwho only recently has come to grips with the length written work, was a yearlong strug-chaos of his past, including physical and gle. It was "like a daily visit to the shrink

would sit here with physical pains in my body from writer's block. There were times during the scribbling that I'd say to friends that I'd rather go back to Nam and go through all the pain of the war again."

Faas says that Page — as a young photographer in Vietnam — was "almost overbearingly funny, constantly throwing par-ties." His knack was "not losing his nerve" under fire, Faas says. "It wasn't so much the quality of his pictures, but his doing the right thing at the right time. I think he since

has developed as a photographer."

For Page, photography produces a far more definitive — and thus satisfying — result than writing prose about himself. "Unlike, when I make a frame and should the frame he good — there is a Zer flow to the frame be good — there is a Zen flow to it, you know you are going to hit the target I got absolutely no kick out of achieving my writing quotient for the day," says Page with the '60s-speak that peppers both his speech and his writing.

PAGE'S previous books — including "NAM," a compilation of his Vietnam war photos; "Sri Lanka," and "Ten Years After/Vietnam Today" — are essentially photojournals with limited text. "Page After Page," with about 40 photos, is a 240-page book that Page wrote in long

But the long sedentary spells notwith-standing, it's clear that the book had a cathartic role for Page. The photographer cathartic role for Page. The photographer was hospitalized five times during the Vietnam War, the last in April 1969 when he was evacuated for good from the conflict after suffering the uear fatal head wound from the land-mine explosion.

That injury left Page with less than full control of his left leg — and generated periodic visits to the neurosurgeon and a lot of bitterness, the latter having apparently faded in recent years.

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It all started 23 years ago, when Page's bug to travel landed him in Indochina and ultimately in the middle of the incipient Vietnam War. Page, who was supposed to be on his way overland from England to Australia, never made it to the beaches of

Instead, he spent a cumulative three and a half years in Vietnam, earning a reputation as a zammy and fearless member of the bao chi, or foreign press corps. By simply being in the region — as a forestry hand in Laos — and with camera at hand, Page became a local-hire combat photographer for various U.S. media.

His first stint was as a stringer for United Press International in Laos, covering the civil war there, and then as a full time photographer in Vietnam for UPI and later as free-lance photographer for Time-Life.
"I arrived in Saigon from Laos on 2 Feb. 1965, a green, hippy kid with a borrowed Nikon and two lenses in a cardboard leathcrette bag," he writes.

The faded telex from UPI announcing his first Vietnam assignment hangs in a frame in Page's bathroom. The UPI had fired Page in August 1965 on grounds, as he writes, of "not going into the field enough, ruining cameras in the field and smoking dope in the office."

Stung deeply by the first comment, Page quickly pledged to take on as many on-site battle assignments as possible and, within weeks, he caught in graphic detail a U.S. military unit pinned down in an ambush. He soon landed a free-lance spot with

"I was naïve. Maybe that was the forte of my Vietnam pictures," says Page in his cluttered studio, one shelf filled with books about the war and adorned with models of warplanes built by Vietnamese children

"I didn't understand photography back then," he says of his "surreal" Vietnam years. "I was thrown into the deep end of the pool. I didn't know what to expect. The heavies in the business there treated me like a young-brother kid photographer - they were supportive, it was a real break." Those friendships, many of which have lasted through the years, have helped Page through his deepest lows.

Page today has no interest in going back to war zones, for fear of being badly maimed. "I can see the future now. I've got a wife. I've got a mortgage." He is, he says, a very happy man.

# Raï: Arabs Reach Out With Music

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**North Africans Blend Tradition, Pop Styles** 

by Mike Zwerin

ARIS — A sort of Arab blues combining traditional North African structures and modes with rock, funk and reggae, rai — which means "opinion" or "point of view" — is the latest rage in what has come to be called "World Music" or "World Beat."

Raī stars are mostly Algerian and named Cheb. Cheb Khaled, Cheb Kader, Cheb Houari, Cheb Hasni, Cheb Mami — Cheb means young, "kid," as opposed to sheikh, the chief, venerable. It implies tough, like a prizefighter nicknamed Kid. The music is reaching out of the Paris immigrant community into the European market. Cheb Dean, named after James, recorded a raī version of James Brown's "Sex Machine" in Paris. The current West German top 10 includes the Malian Paris. The current West German top 10 includes the Malian Mory Kante and Cheb Kader. Talking Heads hired some rai musicians when they recorded their latest album here.

Akin to flamenco (which has been going through a similar

fusion) and Portuguese fado, rai began as plaintive bedouin story-telling music for weddings and fairs around Oran, Algeria, in the early 20th century. Like jazz in New Orleans and the tango in Buenos Aires, it took root in the bordellos, bars and smoking parlors of a free-wheeling international port. In the 1920s, women of shady reputation began to sing more ribald lyrics rejoicing in the pleasures of the flesh. Now a sort of kitsch hero in her 60s, Cheikha Remitti goes back many decades. Her stage name is said to have come from her frequent ordering of another drink: "Remettez m'en un . . ."

Flutes and hand drums were gradually replaced by trap drums and horns. Synthesizers and drum machines entered the picture in the 1980s. The lyrics became more universal—alcoholism, sexual frustration, general alienation. Another possible origin of the name is the periodic wail "ah ral," something like "oh yeah."

HILE rejected by the establishment as being vulgar music made by misfits, criminals, alcoholics and sex fiends, rai became increasingly urban and popular in Algeria and neighboring Morocco. Like punk, it minced no words. Cheb Zahouami: "We don't drink, we get drunk/We don't sing, we scream." Cheb Abdelhak: "We made love in a rotten shack." Neither of these examples may seem particularly shocking to anybody who has been pounded by heavy metal, but making love and drinking are not, or were not, open for discussion in a society that is both socialist and Moslem. for discussion in a society that is both socialist and Moslem.

for discussion in a society that is both socialist and Moslem. Seventy percent of the population of Algeria is under 30 years of age and they were all ears,

"Raī exploded like an atom bomb two years ago," says Si Ali Souliman. The first international raī festival took place in 1986 in the Paris suburb of Bobigny. Souliman, who owns a record company and retail store both called "Voix du Globe" and claims to have "run raī in Paris for the last 20 years," estimates there are something like 50,000 raī cassettes a year sold legally in Paris and close to three million pirate copies between here and Algeria. between here and Algeria.

The Algerian government banned the importation of blank cassettes to stop pirating and stymie Iranian-style fundamentalist subversion. It was also aimed at ral. However the Chebs recorded over unsold prerecorded cassettes and the market grew larger. Raf was banned from Algerian radio and television until three years ago. The futility and counter-productivity of suppression slowly resulted in increasing official tolerance and the sneaking suspicion that rai might make a healthy

cultural export for a country that could use one. Rai presents a different perspective from the current inva-sion of the rest of the world by Black African music, which already spread around the world a century or so ago and became the foundation of Euro-American popular music. The

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Cheb Kader: Hard-working and on time.

# The Joy and Agony of Piano Jury Duty

by Harold C. Schonberg

HERE they sit, the jurors of any international musical competition, wrapped in ineffable dignity, pre-senting an impassive front as talented young musicians play their hearts out. The jurors, like the contestants, have come from all over the world for the occasion. Nearly all of them are veterans of the competition circuit, and they are perfectly aware of their power.

For very talented young pianists, competitions in recent years have been a way of life. Many of them might spend up to 10 years on the competition circuit, hoping that lightning will strike. Barry Douglas, the Irish pianist who won the Tchaikovsky Competition last year, had entered many major competitions in the past, always coming in very high, but never hitting it big. Now he has a real career. Whether or not he can sustain it is up to him.

On the reverse side of the coin, it is hard to since childhood. Competition specifications are think of a major planist after Van Cliburn who has not been the gold or silver medal wimer in a competition. But just as there are planists, should have mastered. Thus there has to be a certain pieces forever. You can't hear Chopin's Poloagise-Fantasy 45 times within a week, suring the breadth of repertory a young artist should have mastered. Thus there has to be a a competition. But just as there are pianists, violinists, singers and others who are steady performers on the competition circuit, so there an international cadre of judges who also follow the circuit.

Such people as Pierre Colombo (Switzer-land), Arie Vardi (Israel), Nicole Henriot-Schweitzer (France), Joan Chissell (England), Lev Vlasenko (Russia), Rex Hoberoft (Australia), Gary Graffman (United States) and, for that matter, the writer of this article, are in constant demand as jurors.

Most of us are busy people. Why do we so often say yes? It's not for any financial reward. Bach prelude and fugue, a Mozart sonata, a Several competitions do pay lavishly for two required Romantic piece and so on. Several competitions do pay lavishly for two weeks of work. Others provide only transporta-

One of the hardest jobs of a juror is to face pianists after they are eliminated and tell them why.

Listening to 45 pianists play the same Mozart tion, housing and a small per diem allowance.

It's not for the joy of hearing the great economy. After a while you change and begin to hate the damn thing. Competitions can ruin you have four who are really good, who have

than others in this respect. But if 45 pianists have the choice of, say, any one of the 20 or so Chopin nocturnes, you can bet the farm that at least a dozen will select the D flat.

It's not for the intellectual stimulus of hearing new music. Most competitions stop at Pro-kofiev and Ravel, but many provide for the semifinal stage a difficult piece specifically composed for the occasion. Almost always these works are eminently forgettable, usually written in some form of postserialism, disliked

by the pianists, the jurors and the public.

It's not for the privilege of hearing an undiscovered genius. The judges are all professionals and - word of mouth in our field being what it

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It also has been my experience that judges, no matter how cynical they may pretend to be, no matter how bowed with the weight of years, no matter how springingly young, all have this in common: They are in love with the piano and with the men and women who play it — or, at least play it well least, play it well.

personality and imagination as well as skill and musicianship, you have a real competition. There always is the tantalizing hope of being in at the launching of a new Emil Gilels, Maurizio Pollini or Vladimir Ashkenazy (all former competition witness).

In any case, every juror knows, after the first round, pretty much which ones are going to be in the finals. Unusual talent, as opposed to mere talent (which almost every contestant has), immediately stands out, and we don't make mistakes about that.

Last July in Sydney, Albrecht Roeseler (the

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# WEEKEND

# Raï

Continued from page 7 new African fusion being created by Yousson N'Dour, Alpha Blondy, Mann Dibango, Salief Ketta and the others is based on a reflection of its own image. With no such universal reference point, Rai can sound opaque (it is song in Arabic) to Western ears. It is easy to fall in love with the idea of increased communication between cultures, to confuse potential with realization. These sorts of marriages take time. Before buying a pile of rai recordings, remember that there is as much bad rai as anything else. And beware of journalists in search of trends.

Cheb Kader does not agree with

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some French media attempts to tie the recent street violence in Algerian cities to rai: "Journalists just need to make headlines. Rat is personal, not political, it's dance music. Rat is important to Algerian youth culture and there were a lot of kids in the streets, but you can't praily cell is a 'ery of franchest.' really call it a 'cry of freedom.'" Cheb Khaled is not so sure: "Rai changed Algeria, but I can't really

Despite the rather confusing similarity of the names of these two rai stars, Chebs Kader and Khaled have different nationalities and personalities and they differ about how far to compromise in order to export their music beyond their own culture. Comparing them helps define the limits of the form.

Cheb Khaled (Khaled Hadj-Brahim), the "king of rai," was born in Oran in 1960, and was responsible for making ral a rallying cry in the 1980s. In the beginning he was considered too volatile to be allowed to run around and had trouble getting a passport. He was not allowed on state television until 1985. Now he is state-subsidized. A Colonel Snoussi, who runs the Riad el-Feth. cultural center, a sort of Algerian



Cheb Khaled: "King of rai."

and first state-of-the-art - album,

Khaled has accused Algerian au-thorities of co-opting rat: "Five years ago rat was really raw, now it beats about the bush." And he has been accused of being co-opted. An Algerian journalist who asked not to be named made the point that, for example, Khaled never did any army service and that he must owe somebody for this.

HALED still lives in Oran, still the capital of raf, he makes big money, drives expensive cars, spends everything he makes, likes to drink whiskey and sing for the fun of it until dawn. He has cracked up several cars. Worshipped and mobbed wherever he goes in Algeria and French Algerian neighborhoods, he is hard to nin down. His respected is hard to pin down. His respected Parisian publicity woman dropped him last month when he failed to

ahow up for a number of presti-gious television engagements. Cheb Kader (Kouider Morabei) is 21, cute, hard-working, smart, shows up on time everywhere and is available to the press with a ven-geance. Purists find this somehow anti-ral. They consider his music watered-down, like pop as opposed to rock. Contrary to the majority, his material is totally arranged (no improvisation). The tones are shorter and sometimes chordal, in

Beaubourg Center, arranged to Broadway song form. His band in-cover the cost of Khaled's latest — cludes two Frenchmen and an Englishman. Born of Algerian parents in Mulhouse, France, Kader has performed in Amsterdam, London and Brussels. He is scheduled to appear on the French Saturday night prime time TV show "Champs Elysées" on Jan. 21 and his first album will be released in

> He has never played in Algeria. French disc jockeys, particularly in Marseille, have been known to receive threatening telephone calls when they play rai music. Afraid of violence and of losing listeners, rock radio has been afraid to play ral. But FM station NRJ sponsore a Cheb Kader concert in Mulhouse earlier this week, and he feels that chart racism is receding: "There are things I couldn't do last year I can do this year. And things I can't do

the United States early next year.

now I'll be able to do next year." Kader's eyes dart around the room as he speaks. He seems to be trying just a bit too hard to be somebody else's definition of "pre-sentable." He's distracted, you wonder what's on his mind. Cheb Khaled, on the other hand, while not exactly your ideal role-model, is an authentic poète moudit, a kind of doomed poet. "I haven't the slightest idea how many cassettes or concerts I've done," he says, "Raï, it's like an itch."

wascommended recordings: "The World Of Rai" (Buda); "Knuchė," Cheb Khaled (Pathė Marconi); "Cheb Kader" (Blue Silver).

# Corporate Cinderella on Wall Street

by Alison Leigh Cowan

and yet he virtually invisible to to boot. those around them.

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new comedy. A "Rocky"-like fable for the pink-collar set, the movie sends its heroine on a giddy ride from the secretarial pool to the loftiest reaches of international deal making — and the complex and at making — and the complex and at times touching role of Tesa as played by Mcianie Griffith represents the flowering of a collaboration among the actress, Mike Nichols, the film's director, and Kevin

Wade, its screenwriter. Commuting from the Staten Island — read wrong — side of New York Harbor, Tess finds her ambitions frustrated and her talents ignoted by those who have her forever pegged as the lady-in-waiting, ut never the lady.

talking Harvard types she competes with, and she remains a well-intended misfit who at an exclusive party will offer to buy a round of drinks from an open bar.

Even the deliberate use of the title "Working Girl" rather than the politically safer "Working Woman" illustrates the character's entrapment. "She's a prisoner of the cliché,"

says Nichols. But the film's politics were never intended to eclipse its comic possi-

bilities. In this slightly exaggerated world, the most successful women N Hollywood's latest view of Wall Street, working women can apply garish eye-makeup by the pound, sport wild hairdos and reveal shapely legs schools, Parker has a class-act boy-triend (played by Harrison Ford) and vet he virtually invisible to boot

The Andy Warhol portrait of her Overdressed and underappreci-ated, they are the underclass of town house says it all — Parker is women who keep Wall Street - everything Tess longs to be. And and most corporations, for that Tess takes mental notes when the matter - running smoothly. They steely Parker, played by Sigourney Weaver, discusses marriage as if Such is the world of Tess McGill, she were contemplating a well-ad-Such is the world of 1 css man, and the beroine of "Working Girl," a vised merger:
"We're both in the same city, I've world on offer,

A 'Rocky' -like fable indicated I'm receptive to an offer, and I've cleared the month of June," she sighs. And if the target resists? "That is not a variable," she

> FVIN Wade, the 34-yearold writer whose other "urban comedies" include the Off Broadway play "Key Ex-change," has few illusions about whether the story of a secretary whose dreams are realized the day she gets her own secretary is the stuff of high art or serious polem-

"If 'Citizen Kane' is up here," he says, stretching one hand above his head, "and 'Chinatowa' is here," holding another hand firmly at shoulder level, "then we're down here somewhere in South Amerihis kneecaps. Still, the film's backers at 20th

Century-Fox must have been banking on the obvious: the universal appeal such a Cinderella would have, especially around Christmas. Early market research, says Doug-las Wick, the producer, is showing that the film should appeal to any-one "who has been kicked in the teeth at work."

In the collaboration among Griffith, Wade and Nichols, many of Though Tess gets her degree at their contributions were designed night with honors and polishes her to make Tess more sympathetic, lest moviegoers find her struggle to climb the corporate ladder selftheir contributions were designed serving and her methods distaste-

> That was not easy, given that the original script traces Tesa's involvement in insider trading, the same kinds of questionable buying and selling of securities that recently fascinated another filmmaker, Oliver Stone, in "Wall Street."

The resemblance ended there, however. While Stone sought to reconstruct Wall Street faithfully, even at the cost of occasionally bewildering his andience. Nichols



For instance, Nichols had no qualms about Tess's taking revenge upon some two-timing colleagues by typing out an obscene put-down on the overhead ticker. In reality, the electronic information is fed directly from the New York Stock Exchange and can't be intercepted.

"They asked me, and I said tech-nically you can't do that, but it's a cute idea, and America will buy it," says Liam F. Dalton, an investment canker who advised on production. In the end, the makers of "Work-

ing Girl" overhanled the plot even before the other Wall Street film's release. Tess now temporarily assumes her boss's identity, only to he accused of stealing the semior woman's ideas. It was felt that the heroine's unwitting participation in a form of illegal trading would turn

By the sixth rewrite, Tess was not unlike her creator, Wade. For in-stance, Wade hit upon the solution to Trask Industries' takeover woes much the same way Tess discovers the idea in the film - serendini-

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Some business trivia that he gleaned from the financial pages e couple of years ago became the book for his herome: Trask can elude an unwanted Japanese suitor by acquiring some radio stations, because the federal government bans foreign ownership of radio licenses. "You never know where the big idea will come from," Tess tells a startled colleague at one

The project rattled around the studio for a couple of years until Nichols was shown the script in early 1987 and almost immediately agreed to direct the film.

As one of his first tasks, he cast Griffith as the heroine over the protests of 20th Century-Fox executives. The studio was looking for a bigger box-office draw as insurance for the picture's \$22 million budget. Cher, Goldie Hawn and even Whoopi Goldberg were names bandied about in the early stages, and Shelley Long was considered more seriously.

But it was Griffith's volnerability that Nichols and his collaborators thought could be used to soft-en the character's otherwise singleminded pursuit of wealth and

"Melanic's gentleness and hu-manity, the way in which she deals with everyone no matter whether they can help her or not; that's very

important," says Nichols. In hindsight, it becomes clearer why Nichols prevailed. Indeed, the line between actress and character blurs quite a bit. Tess brings coffee to e fellow secretary who looks like "she needs it," while the real-life Griffith ordered up 50 bottles of champagne to improve the crew's morale toward the end of the shoot.

Similarly, it is Tess's 30th birthday that is the watershed where she realizes she desperately wants to be taken seriously, while the 31-year-old Griffith underwent a similar soul-searching not all that long ago, after a turbulent youth playing inconsequential and often scantily

About eight years ago, I decided to be serious about acting and wanted to become really good,"

NCE the team was assem-bled, they spent three months researching the characters, which consisted primarily of treating secretaries to lunch and pumping them for ideas.

Suggestions poured in, such as the note from a Fox employee about the secretarial duty she found most humbling. Her boss, also a woman, lifted her skirts before meetings so her assistant could spray her clothing with anti-static spray. A similar scene was filmed, though ultimately dropped.

Ironically, though the filmmakers happily take on Wall Street's establishment and its hallowed ways; they choose not to rattle Hollywood's preconceptions. Griffith clearly has the starring role, and she alone appears in every scene but two. Yet because she is a rela-tive ingenue, she has third billing behind Ford and Weaver.

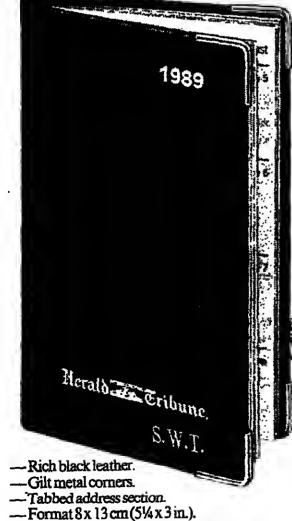
"The studio wanted the bigger, stars," says Nichols without apolo-

That's just the way the system works," Wade echoes, And Griffith? "At first, I cared a

little bit," she says, though she claims it no longer bothers her, Asked whether his next film

might take on Hollywood's establishment, Nichols rhetorically asks, Do you think anyone would want

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and Steinberg.

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ages by four photographers. Marsellle

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East Berlin

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warfare, religion, funerary cus-WEST GERMANY

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# The Uncluttered Dances **Of Erick Hawkins**

by Anna Kisselgoff

F EW YORK --- A mental clearing, refreshing as a spring shower, comes from the best of Erick Hawkins. His dances are the most uncluttered around, and his dancers, this season, have performed with a polished precision that makes it easier than

ished precision that makes it easier man ever to appreciate the clarity of movement so special to Hawkins's choreography.

Too little attention has been paid to the formal underpinnings of Hawkins's work. But in his latest premiere, "Cantilever Two," and a revival, at the Joyce Theatre, of the 1965 "Lords of Persia," we see an athio and only on a sethetic served by form ethic, not only an aesthetic, served by form. Hawkins's early dance background, be-

ginning in the 1930s, when he danced with the American Ballet of George Balanchine and Lincoln Kirstein, as well as with Kirstein's Ballet Caravan, exposed him to a tradition of ballet training that he was later Nevertheless, he shares with Balanchine

the ability to strip the stage image to a plastique of unadorned bodies. Their vocabularies are very different; Hawkins, following his career in ballet and in Martha Graham's company, developed his own singular fluid idiom. Balanchine's aesthetic, moreover, is grounded in the musical impulse, while Hawkins comes from the modern-dance generation that often choreographed to no musie - because it was decreed that one art form (dance) should not interpret another (music).

But the viewer's eye, in both cases, focuses on dancing relieved of extraneous move-ment or fussiness of dance convention. The mind may be stimulated in such cases, but it also has a rest; the same eye is led to focus on the dancing, not on extraneous elements, despite the possible presence of sets and costumes

Yet, Hawkins is no formalist. Form as such is not his concern, and one hardly sees the essence of dance - steps, movement and combinations thereof —as his overrid-ing interest. The choreography's structure, its relationship to the decor and its juxtaposition to the music, the nature of the dance idiom - these formal concerns are used by Hawkins to convey his view of the world.

The aesthetic serves the ethic, although one could argue that the Hawkins ap-proach to dance is rooted in an ethical premise. In hrief, Hawkins wants us to feel

In "Lords of Persia," he offers one of the happiest embodiments of his aesthetic-ethie: an image with the classical attributes of harmony and balance that is nonetheless highly dramatic.

Hawkins's coup de théâtre is to depict a game of polo, a sport supposedly invented in Persia, as nonconfrontational. The four male dancers in Ralph Lee's stylized Persian costumes are not opponents but lofty players in a game where rules count more than rivalry. The fact that the men are masked renders them impersonal, transforming them into ceremonial figures whose individual emotions count least.

This picture of harmony in a competitive encounter is a tour de force, convincing because it is impersonalized and formal-ized. Hawkins has consistently said that his work is not abstract but concrete. We see wby in "Lords of Persia." The men (Daniel Tai, Miehael Moses, Mark Wisniewski, James Reedy) cantering on imaginary horses and swinging Ralph Dorazio's beautifully honed mallets with elegant sweep, are not abstractions of an idea They look very real albeit generalized, telling us in metaphorie terms something about an ideal in buman relations.

HERE is no such dramatic vignette in another revival, the 1961 "Early Floating" or the premiere, "Cantile-ver Two." Like "Lords of Persia," these works have scores by Lucia Dlugoszewski, whose originality of idiom and musical structure should hardly go unsung. This season, the Erick Hawkins Dance Company honored her through all-Dlugoszewski

programs.
"Cantilever Two" uses the music she composed for Hawkins's 1963 work for two men and two women, "Cantilever." The score seems ready-made for the completely new version, now performed by 12 dancers. "Early Floating," too, is a plotless work, for a woman and three men (James Aarons is especially noteworthy) and it

may still be heavy going for the uninitiated.
"Cantilever Two" is a reversal of the same approach, a similar glorification of the buman body — the dancers are hare-legged as usual. Yet, the formal structures are highly complex (playing with dancers in canon and counterpoint to another) and the dynamic range astonishingly varied. Three striking, curved sculptures by Dorazio are suspended in the air, and the dancers' curved forms, in their leaps, attain a sculptural volume of their own. "Cantilever Two" is essentially an ensemble dance; its power comes from the units of men and women who come flying in from opposing wings and the meshed unison passages that

evolve into separate rhythmic lines. The music's dissonance and sliding passages are counterpointed by the activity onstage. The dancers never dance to the music; they encounter it.

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# Piano Jury Continued from page 7

juror from West Germany) and I, just for kicks, stein did not look kindly on jurors who after the first round wrote on a slip of paper the names of the six pianists we thought would be in the finals. As it turned out, we both had five of the six, and it would have been six out of six had not one of the pianists self-destructed on imemory lapses during his last solo concert.

So why do we go?

Well, it may be geographical curiosity. Often we are invited to a place we had never visited and always wished to see. It's also a chance to meet colleagues, to make new friends, to share experiences. It presents an opportunity to hear what presumably are among the world's best young pianists.

There are, inevitably, differences of opinion about fine points of technique and interpretation. But when the hig talent appears, it is a pleasure to watch judges share the experience. Sidelong glances, a sharp intake of breath, a sudden concentration, a straightening of the back — these are phenomena that occur when a possible competition winner appears.

There are national styles in competitions and none so different as between East and West. Western competitions are strict. Judges and contestants can be disqualified for talking to each other. Judges are even encouraged to refrain from talking to each other (but try to stop them!). Any juror who has a pupil in the competition is not allowed to vote on that contestant. Balloting is secret. There is no official discussion about the pianists, not even at the finals. The ballots are tabulated, and that

In Eastern European competitions, however (if the Liszt-Bartok Competition in Budapest in 1986 is any criterion), they order things differently. Balloting is open. Teachers not only are allowed to vote on their pupils; they actually lobby for them. After the evening's sessions, Western jurors watched goggle-ey as the Russian juror walked back to his hotel e arm-in-arm with the Russian contestants.

Russian jurors, if they get to know you well enough and know you will not name names, frankly admit that they are there to do what they can for their pianists. In Budapest, one of the Hungarian jurors actually gave lessons to a Hungarian pianist during the competition. He did not try to keep it a secret.

This is not to imply that the competition was rigged. When the jury retired for the final voting session, much unhappiness was expressed at the low strength of the competition,

and it was decided not to vote for first prize. Jurors on the whole are a steady lot. They manage to keep awake (though some older ones can have a hard time). They have cultivated a look that is at once impassive and appreciative. But they can be ruffled. German or

German-trained jurors are the strictest of all. At the Rubinstein Competition in Tel Aviv some years back, an American contestant got a o, big hand from the andience and, elated, forgot where he was. He sat down and played an encore. The German and Japanese judges (the walked out. "It is not in the rules," the German

Rubinstein was alive and was a juror at the competition named after him, there never was a dull moment. Rubinstein made his own rules. He not only spoke to the contestants, he also took them all to his heart and would even give master classes, attended by all, and analyze

All this during the course of the competi-

Not all competitions are big. A juror might

go to a three- or four-day competition as a favor to the organizer, or because he might have heard about one or two of the competitors, or simply because he would short break from routine.

One such event is the Greater Palm Beach Piano Competition in Florida. It has only six pianists, generally of very high quality. For those six pianists there are six jurors. Two years ago one of the pianists became ill and so there were more judges than pianists.

This year the contestants had to play a concerto with accompaniment on a second piano, and the winner would then play his concerto with orchestra. The accompanist provided by the competition turned out to be incompetent. The jurors demanded that the situation be corrected. Things moved fast. Anthony Manoli, a bright planist at Juilliard, was called. Yes, he could fly down and play the other accompaniments. Yes, he knew the scores. He came and on the same evening turned in a brilliant job.

One of the hardest jobs of a juror is to face pianists after they are eliminated and tell them why. In most competitions, pianists who do not make it can approach one of the judges and asking for an analysis of their playing. It is terribly difficult to tell a talented, dedicated young pianist that he or she lacks personality and imagination. Most of us have worked out a routine. I generally mumble something about concentrating more on color and rhythmic flexibility, and less on structure. They look at me as though I'm crazy.

T HAS been said again and again that pianists today have better techniques than the great ones of the past, but that they are not trained as well musically. My experiences of the last five years suggest the opposite. They are beautifully trained musically — at least, by current standards of what constitutes musi-- but nowhere near as technically accomplished. I have as yet to hear from any younger planist a Rachmaninoff, Friedman, Hofmann or Lhevinne technique.

What they have in common, all of them, is an analytic approach to the music. Form is function. Very well, but that leads to a uniformity of style and approach. Some 25 years ago I complained that competitions were leading to a bland, impersonal style because contestants were playing for judges rather than for them-selves. In one respect I was wrong. It is not seives. In one respect I was wrong. It is not because they are playing for judges. It is because that is today's international style. Indeed, judges at musical competitions say they would just love to hear pianists with personality, charm, beautiful tonal production. And they mean it.

But I remain skeptical. For when a good, solid pianist comes up in the finals, he or she invariably gets the nod over the one who plays with intense personality. That's why the big competitions, like courtroom juries, have at least 12 jurors. Vox pop and all that. But when a juror becomes passionately involved with the playing of a young artist who approaches an ideal, and at the end finds himself outvoted by his peers, he secretly thinks that everybody else is crazy. Which is a cormal reaction. Except that the thwarted juror knows that he and he alone is right

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# New York by Robert Moses: A Look Back

by Paul Goldberger

F EW YORK - It is astonishing, in this age in which building almost anything in any major city can mean months if not years of controversy and delay, to think about Robert Moses.

From the time he came to power in the 1920s until his retirement in 1968, Moses built bridges, tunnels, highways, parks, beaches, housing projects, power stations, cultural complexes and playgrounds in the New York area.

And he huilt them almost hy fiat: At the peak of his power he held 12 New York city and New York state offices simultaneously, and he constructed essentially what he thought made sense.

As the city's parks commissioner, its con-struction coordinator, a member of its Planning Commission, and chairman of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, the State Power Commission, and the New York State Parks Council, among other agencies, Moses proposed his own projects and gave himself his own approvals.

He was not a total czar - there were officials above him - but in practice mayors and governors tended to defer to him; it was Robert Moses, and not they, who set the agenda. Only occasionally was Moses's visioo of what should be huilt in New York thwarted

Moses was born 100 years ago. He died in 1981, well into the very un-Robert Moseslike era in which we now live - a time whose priorines have moved so far away from the concentration of vast power in a single official that it sometimes seems as if almost no one is making decisions about anything.

The process by which New York and other major cities are built has shifted 180 degrees since Moses's reign — now, for example, community boards, which did not even exist in Moses's time, have substantial influence over both public and private construction in New York City. And they represent only the tip of the iceberg of a complicated approvals rocess that is slow at best, and is often

delayed still further by lingation.

This is an age that tends to view nearly every large project with skepticism. It is no exaggeration to say that the balance of power in development has moved dramatically away from those who build, whether they are public builders like Moses or private huilders, and toward those who oppose building or at least oppose the virtual carte blanche that Moses was known for.

THE centennial of Robert Moses's birth is an ideal moment to look not only at Moses himself but also at the evolution that the last generation bas

Were we better off with the Moses' system? Was there, in fact, a Moses' system in the first place, or was it really Moses him-

The answer to this last question is surely the latter — as much as he was a master builder, Robert Moses was a master politician, and he knew the art of accruing power. He did much to make the system that, in

turn, made his power possible: He drafted legislation setting up public authorities, which he then ran; he cajoled and schemed and pleaded with governors and legislators and financiers; he flattered the press. No one in his day had gone out looking for

an emperor of public works. Moses filled a need that he himself, in a sense, had made. But back to the basic question: Were we better off with Robert Moses in charge? "In the 20th century the influence of Robert Moses on the cities of America was great-er than that of any other single person," said Lewis Mumford, the architecture and social

And it was so: Moses was not a theoretician, and hanghtily disdained those planners who were, but his pragmatic, get-it-done-at-any-cost style nonetheless embraced a particular vision of what the city was to become.

Moses thrust great ribbons of concrete across an old and largely settled urban landscape, altering it drastically, and his guiding hand made New York, known as a city of mass transit, also the United States's first city of the automobile age.
But Moses's determination that the city

should accommodate itself to the automobile, rather than the other way around, is of course now one of the things that dates him the most, as the car has come to be seen as the enemy of urhan vitality, not the savior of There was one great thing Robert Moses brought to New York, one message, and

that was his unwavering commitment to the idea of the public realm. Moses believed in public places - in the idea of public parks, public beaches, public open space, public bousing. In his later years he became obsessed with

quantity and efficiency more than with quality of design, but in the years before World War II he hrought forth a remarkable amount of public work of excellent, even distinguished, quality.

Jones Beach is a perfect example: Built in 1930, it is a people's palace beside the sea, an exquisite set of stone huildings designed to standards far in excess of the norm for publie construction in its age or in our own. Before Jones Beach, hathhouses were gen-

erally shacks on the sand; Moses decided that he wanted enormous sandstone-andbrick structures, designed in a mix of Moorish, Gothic and 1930s modern, with a tower inspired by a Venetian campanile, rich mosaics, and elaborate, fanciful systems of signs and fountains.

The parkways Moses huilt were similar --the Northern and Southern State Parkways on Long Island were richly landscaped, curving roads whose designs would ultimately influence generations of parkway planners. As Jones Beach was a new model for what a public beach might be, so were the early Moses parkways a new kind of pubbe road. as different from the messy commercial strip as Jooes Beach was from the tawdry boardwalk of old-style beaches.

It all changed in the years after World War II, when Moses's tactics, which had always been highhanded, became more arrogant still; he pushed through projects with an insistence that in today's climate seems almost impossible to believe, and the bulldoze-and-rebuild philosophy of urhan reoewal became his stock-in-trade.

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identified with the banal red-brick towers of postwar public housing than Moses, or with the insistence that highways took priority over existing neighbor-But Moses's arrogance, and the utter failure of his later work, should not hlind us to

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Moses's scale, and sometimes they seem not to dream at all. Now the same city and state government that underwrote Moses's immense public works are financially strapped, and they often look to private developers to build what meager public places and public amenities we are able to produce.

Moses would have had no patience with the spirit of privatization that is afoot in the United States; he would surely have quite properly resented the forfeiture of public control that it represented.

For whatever else we can say of him, Moses was, in the end, an advocate of the idea of public vision. He may have continually confused the public vision with his personal one, but that does not deny the depth of his commitment to the possibilities inherent in the public realm, to what a government determined to huild well can do.

If power was too centralized under Robert Moses, as we mark the hundredth anniversary of his birth it is hard not to wonder if we have not paid a price for letting the pendulum swing so far the other way.

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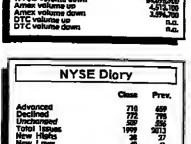
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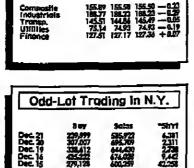
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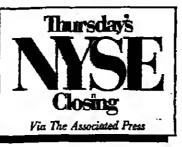
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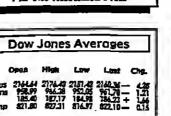


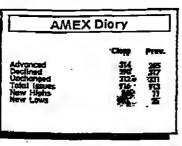
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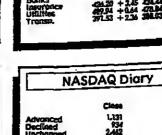
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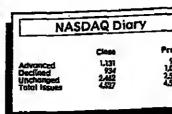






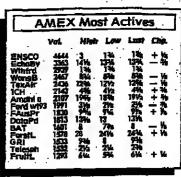
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Volume, dominated by stocks about to go ex-dividend, totaled 150.51 million shares, compared with 147.25 million traded on Wednes-Broader market indexes also declined. The

NYSE composite index eased 0.23 to close at 155.50. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 0.51 to 276.87. The price of an average share dropped 23 cents. Analysts attributed the dull nature of Thurs-

Analysts said they expected little fallout from the announcement late Wednesday by Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. The investment banking house said it had reached an agreement with the U.S. attorney's office in which it will plead guilty to six felony counts and pay \$650 million in penalties and fines in connection with Wall Street's broadest insider trading case to date.

Drexel's announcement will calm the waters

pause from its year-end rally, which began in November. However, she expected it to resume its upward course soon.

AT&T was the most active issue, off 1/4 to 29%. The stock goes ex-dividend on Monday. The company said Thursday that it had agreed

Motors fell % to 85%.

fell 1/4 to 90%, Prime Computer, ex-dividend, rose 1/4 to 17/4, West Point-Pepperell rose 1/4 and Cummins Engine, which source 6 points Wednesday on rumors of a possible bid, rose 14 to 5814.

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NEW YORK — Stock prices fell Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange in dull trading as year-end tax considerations and a persisting uneasiness about the outlook for the economy pushed many investors to the sidelines for the third consecutive day.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had eased 1.43 Wednesday, fell 4.28 to close at

Declines led advances by about a 9-8 ratio.

day's trading activity to lack of meaningful economic news and tax-related selling before the end of the year. "There's nothing economic to give a reason for either a rally or a decline," said Gail Du-dack, a market analyst with S.G. Warburg.

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a little bit in the equities market, but it will have more of a calming effect on the corporate bond market," Ms. Dudack said. She said the market appeared to be taking a

to acquire Eaton Financial, a leasing company based in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Commonwealth Edison followed, up % to 33.

The stock goes ex-dividend on Friday. Nynex, which also goes ex-dividend Friday, was third, off 1% to 67%.

Among blue chips, IBM fell ½ to 122½, Woolworth rose ½ to 50, Union Carbide rose ½ to 25%, Boeing rose ¾ to 59¼ and General Dow Chemical, which goes ex-dividend Fri-

day, fell % to 85% with heavy volume.

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### WALL STREET WATCH

# **Investors Await New Surge** In Attempted Takeovers

By ANISE C. WALLACE

New York Times Service EW YORK - Investors are anticipating a new burst of takeover attempts by corporations and financial firms. "I think it's the calm before the oext storm," said the mutual fund subsidiary of Shearson Lehman Hotton Inc., which invests more than 530 billion in stock and bond mutual

Mr. Kroll and many other professional investors on Wall Speer say that heavy takeover activity will resume at the beginning of January, much as it did at the beginning of this year. If the bidding frenzy resumes, arbitragers are sitting on a mountain of cash that could quickly be put to work in amounced or runored deals. In recent weeks, institutions, individuals and

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This includes \$170 million from the management-led buyout of Foodmaker Inc. \$12.9 billion from the takeover of Kraft by Philip Morris Inc., \$110 million from Amer-

ican Hoist & Derrick's takeover of Coast America and \$403.8 million from the buyback of 20 million Pennwalt shares. So far, traders and arbitragers say, very little of this cash has been channeled back into the stock market. The arbitrage firms that have received their payments, for example, have been setting aside much of their cash in Treasury bills.

Traders are so convinced that the buyout binge will continoe that they are virtually ignoring the cries for reform in Washington. They say the legislators who have expressed concern about the size and financing of these buyouts will likely be unable or

unwilling to take the measures necessary to slow the pace.

"I don't see any configuration of potential laws that you can pass to stop this," said Ernest G. Wiggins, portfolio manager of the Fidelity Value Fund.

"It's oot going to stop and it's not going to go away," Mr. Kroll of SLH Asset Management said.

The expectations of many professional investors are so strong that they do not even profess worry about the winding up of the Drexel Burnham Lambert case. Many past buyouts have been financed with high-yield "junk bonds" distributed by Drexel. On Wednesday, Drexel agreed to plead guilty to six U.S. felony counts and to pay a \$650 million to settle the biggest Wall Street securities fraud case on record.

RADERS cited the fact that the junk bond market barely reacted last summer when the Securities and Exchange Commission filed its long-awaited enforcement action against Drexel for insider trading.

While many agree that the buyouts are likely to continue, they disagree about the size of any future deals, Because of the furor raised by the size of the \$25 billion RJR Nabisco deal, David N. Dreman, managing director of Dreman Value Management, argued that there would not be any more deals above \$20 billion. "I doo't think the bank lines of credit are open and that the

junk bond market is big enough," he said. He predicted the next crop of deals would have market values of around \$5 billion. But Mr. Kroll of SLH, for one, says the RJR Nabisco acquisition by the leveraged buyout firm Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts &

Co. opens the door for much larger buyouts. He predicts takeovers with market value of \$40 billion or \$50 billion. He compares the buyout phenomenon to the prices paid for New York real estate. Every so often, he said, people complain that prices cannot go any higher. But so far, prices of apartments have continued to climb.



HUNTER AND PREY — U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Ginliani and men targeted in his investigations on Wall Street. Clockwise, from above left: Ivan F. Boesky, pleaded guilty to securities frand, serving three years in federal prison; Dennis B. Levine, pleaded guilty to securities fraud, released on parole in September after serving 18 months; Boyd L. Jefferies, pleaded guilty to stock manipulation, awaiting sentencing; and Michael R. Milken.







# A Powerful Broom Sweeps Wall Street Giuliani: Zealous Prosecutor Makes a Name for Himself

By Scot J. Paltrow

Las Angeles Times Service NEW YORK -The agreement by Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. to plead guilty to criminal charges is the latest episode in U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani's personal crusade against flagrant cheating at the high-est levels of Wall Street. Io recent months, there has been what

brokers and investment bankers view as a blizzard of indictments, including the first use of the draconian federal racketeering statute against securities companies. Wall Street's lawyers complain that the ambitious, publicity-hungry prosecutor uses vindictive tactics to get witnesses to cooperate and that he has applied criminal law to an area that had been left almost entirely to civil regula-on by the Securities and Exchange Commis-

But Mr. Giuliani, 44, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, which includes Manhattan, says that criminal prosecution is occessary as a deterrent. He defends his tactics, denying accusations by de-fense lawyers that he heaps on redundant criminal charges when his office indicts indi-

viduals who refused to cooperate with investigations. "The decisions we make are based on the merits of the case," he said.

Drexel and the other accused Wall Street figures are simply one category among the many high-profile targets that New York's chief federal prosecutor has gone after since be took office five years ago.

Friends and colleagues describe him as a zealot among crime fighters. His targets have included high-level organized crime figures, corrupt New York City officials, congressmen, the Teamsters union, and Ferdinand E. Marcos, the former president of the Philippines, and his wife, Imelda,

After what some say was a slow start, Mr. Giuliani has turned the aggressive prosecutioo of Wall Street figures into a hallmark of his tenure as U.S. attorney. He expanded the office's securities fraud unit, which now includes 14 assistant prosecutors. The office has brought about 60 insider trading cases since Mr. Giuliani's first full year in office, compared with only 12 ever brought before in his district.

Mr. Ginliani's office handled the plea agreements that led the Wall Street executive

Dennis B. Levine and the stock speculator Ivan F. Boesky to cooperate with prosecutors in other investigations. That cooperation led directly to Wednesday's settlement agreement by Drexel.

Last year, in a related case, Boyd L. Jefferies, head of Jefferies & Co. in Los Angeles, pleaded guilty to stock manipulation charges. Among the other developments in the past six months are stock manipulation charges against GAF Corp. and its vice chairman, James T. Sherwin, whose trial began Wednes-day; market manipulation charges against the stock speculator Salim B. Lewis; racketeering and other charges against Princeton-Newport Partners, a small investment concorn that had extensive business dealings with Drexel; and the grand jury indictment Wednesday of Paul A. Bilzerian, the corpo-

rate raider and chairman of Singer Co. Stanley Arkin, a defense lawyer and au-thority oo white-collar criminal law who represents a number of those indicted by Mr. Giuliani, including Mr. Lewis, accuses the prosecutor of "cynical, malicious redundan-

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# GEC of Britain, **CGE** of France In Joint Venture

LONDON — Compagnie Gén-érale d'Electricité of France and General Electric Co. of Britain will

GEC said its Power System Group would combine with CGE's Alsthom subsidiary to form an engineering group with expected annual sales of more than £4 billion (\$7 billion), net assets of £8 billion and 85,000 employees.

Each company will take a 50 percent share in setting up a new joint company, a statement issued in London and Paris said.

The scope of the joint company activities will include the development, production and marketing of equipment in power generation, electricity distribution and transmission, rail transport, industrial automation and related fields," the statement said.

"The company will be the largest power engineering enterprise of the European Community," it added. It was oot immediately clear

what effect the new venture would have on GEC's pending £1.7 billion acquisition — along with Siemens AG of West Germany — of Plessey Co., the British telecommunications and electronics group.

The two deals would not oeces-

sarily be mutually exclusive, bowever, as the GEC-Siemens-Plessey link would focus oo high technol-ogy, while the GEC-CGE link would focus oo engineering.
The Plessey transaction, if com-

pleted, would give GEC a share of the European telecommunications market as well as make it a formidable supplier of electronic components and systems to the world's military contractors. For CGE, formerly a state-con-

trolled group that was sold to pri-vate investors in May, the link with GEC would give it with a pan-European power engineering capability to match its pan-European approach to telecommunications. At the end of 1986, CGE took over the West European telecommunications business of ITT Corp. through the formation of a joint

venture, Alcatel NV, in which it holds 63 percent. In their joint statement Thurs-

day, the two companies said that in the production of power-generatmerge their power engineering operations to create the largest such group in the European Communication of power-generation of power-generation of power-generation and the production and the product In the area of transportation and

distribution of energy, revenue is expected to reach \$1.2 billion, and io railroad equipment, where Alsthom is already the world lead-er, it will reach \$1.1 billion a year. Alsthom will also include its shippards as a subsidiary of the new company.

the date of its formation, were not specified, bot the announcements in Paris and London said that the president would be Jean-Pierre Desgeorges, the president of Alsthom, and that the vice president would be Robert Davidson, the current president of Power Sys-

More than half of the company's les will be outside Britain and France. The group's supervisory board will be composed equally of GEC and CGE representatives. Alsthom, which is strong in Eu-

rope, Brazil, Mexico and Indonesia, primarily orients its exports to Southeast Asia, the Mediterranean basin and Latin America. GEC has revenue of \$3.42 bil-

lion. It has plants in India, South Africa and Anstralia, and is oriented toward the Commonwealth

In 1987, Alsthom's turnover reached \$4,74 billion and profits of \$74 million.

A quarter of GEC's sales, or about \$833 million, involves the construction of power plants. Although the new venture would

form the largest power engineering group in the European Community, it would not necessarily be the largest in Enrope.
For example, Asea Brown Boveri, the Swedish-Swiss engineering

and electronics giant, posted sales of \$8.5 billion in the first half of

CGE posted group oet profit of 1.83 billion francs (\$305 million) in 1987, while GEC posted pretax profits of £708 million.

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# TI, Hitachi Join In Developing a

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By David E. Sanger

New York Timer Service

TOKYO — Two of the world's largest makers of semiconductors, Texas Instruments Inc., and Hitachi Ltd., said Thursday that they would learning develor a next-sengration memowould jointly develop a next-generation memo-ty chip, the first such alliance in an industry that usually draws battle lines along national bor-

ders.

Company officials say the agreement was intended to share the enormous cost and enormous risk of developing a 16 million bit memocommercially available for three to four years.

commercially available for three to four years. What makes the arrangement particularly unusual is its timing: With the Japanese dominating the memory chip market, American producers and the Pentagon are working to preserve the remaining U.S. chip-making technology.

Most of those efforts, including Sematech, a consortium designed to restore American talents in chip-making processes, exclude Japanese manufacturers. Texas Instruments is a member of the consortium, but officials here said they did not see a conflict of interest in participating in such profects while at the same

participating in such projects while at the same time collaborating with a Japanese competitor. "This is a first for American and Japanese companies in this field," said Kazno Kimbara, a member of Hitachi's board. "We both admire each other's technology, and we think this

Analysts said that it was not immediately clear which company had the most to gain from the agreement; Both have the talent and the cash to fund development of the 16 megabit D-RAM, or dynamic random access memory, without outside help. By pooling their resources, however, they can afford to develop several alternative designs and select the best,

officials from both companies said.

"It's a way of increasing the effectiveness of the investment," said Akira Ishikawa, president of Texas Instruments Japan Ltd. "It reduces the chances of a big delay" due to unforseen technical obstacles, he said.

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But the move seems likely to generate some controversy in the industry and in Washington, where the wisdom of such joint efforts is a topic of considerable debate.

Those who favor such alliances generally argue that the United States has basically lost the battle for memory chips, and so the country's chip makers have little more to lose by teaming up with the Japanese to develop future genera-

up with the Japanese to develop future generations of chips.

Those who oppose such alliances argue that
they gradually undercut U.S. abilities to develop such technology without outside assistance.
In time, they argue, such agreements create
more dependency on Japan, not less.

Mr. Ishikawa said that Texas Instruments
had discussed the risks of appearing to aid the
Japanese industry with the joint development
agreement, while competing with Japanese
manufacturing technology in projects like Sematech.

"We saw no particular conflict," he said. "Sematech technology will not make its way to

So far, Texas Instruments has done fine on its own. The company operates a major semicon-ductor production plant in Japan, and it has replicated the facility in Dallas. More than a year ago, the company settled patent infringement disputes with Hitachi on previous genera-

ment disputes with rittach on previous genera-tions of the chip technology.

In addition to TI, only Micron Technology and International Business Machines Corp. still produce DRAMs in the United States, and IBM uses almost all of its chips internally.

One other company, Motorola, is re-entering DRAM production. But it is licensing the chip design from Toshiba Corp., the largest commer-cial producer of 1 megabit memory chips, the current generation.

Several companies, including Texas Instru-ments, Hitachi, Motorola, Toshiba and IBM, are already producing 4-megabit chips in small quantities. Toshiba has already announced the building of an experimental 16-megabit chip.

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Mitsui and Iran Remain Deadlocked on Project

Reuters

TOKYO — Mitsui & Co. has advised Iran that the Iran-Japan Petrochemical Co. project should be scrapped but Iran contends that it needs more time to decide the project's fate, according to Mitsui sources.

An Iranian mission left Japan on Thursday after failing to resolve the future of the troubled project.

Mitsui is the lead Japanese investor in the joint-venture project on Iran's Gulf Coast, which was 85 percent completed when the Iran-Iraq war broke out in September, 1980. The project was heavily bombed by Iraq during the war and Mitsui now considers it to be a total loss.

"We asked for their appreciation of our con-clusion that friendly separation is the only way left for LIPC from our corporate point of view," Hiroshi Watada, president of Iran Chemical Development Co., said in a statement. Iran Chemical Development in the Iran page tracter. Chemical Development is the Japanese partner

in the project.

Discussions between Mitsui and Iran will continue next year, sources from both sides said. National Petrochemical Co., the Iranian

said. National Petrochemical Co., the framan partner in joint venture, plans to send another mission to Japan in January, they said.

Mitsui told Iran that resumption of work on the complex was not financially justifiable, while Iran insisted on further inspections of the plant. Asked when Mitsui would be able to settle the dispute, a spokesman, "The sooner, the better."

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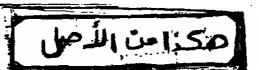
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# His Firm Casts Milken Adrift

Euilty Pleas Could Scuttle Junk-Bond Chief's Defenses

By Steve Coll and David A. Vise Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — For the past WASHINGTON — For the past several weeks, as directors of Drexel Bunham Lambert Inc. sought to fend off federal charges, they agonized over the question of what moral, legal and financial obligations they had to Michael R. Millen, the

executive most responsible for the In the end, in a bid to save the firm, they agreed to a settlement with federal prosecutors that required Drexel to admit that it committed some of the same crimes with which Mr. Milken is likely to be charged, sources said.

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. Whether he is found guilty of the fraud charges filed earlier this year by the Securities and Exchange ommission, is indicted on felony ebarges the government seems close to filing, or is exonerated, as he has always claimed he will be, Mr. Milken has cast a long shadow over one of the more remarkable eras in American economic history. By extolling the rewards of high-yield, or junk, bonds over their risks, he came to be the father of a \$175 billion market. In the process, his firm raised billions of dollars in capital for young companies and helped fuel the takeover boom with

deals financed by junk bonds. Negotiations with the government came to a climax this week, when Drexel first rejected on Monday but then accepted on Wednesday an offer from prosecutors.

By 4 P.M. on Wednesday, led by its chief executive, Frederick H. Joseph, the directors had made their choice. Prosecutors in the office of U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Gin-liani were told that Drexel would agree to plead guilty to six felonies and would pay an unprecedented \$650 million in penalties and for-

By doing so, Drexel would admit

BRUSSELS — The European Commission agreed Thursday to

corporate takeover rules that would

require full bids once an entity has

acquired a third of a company and that would make it difficult for

corporations to use certain "poi-

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The proposed rules by the com-

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The rules would also prevent a

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**BUSINESS ROUNDUP** 

Overruling Mr.

Milken's defenders, Drexel's board agreed to plead guilty to crimes with which he is likely to be charged.

it participated to one of the biggest securities frauds on record. The directors' turnabout fullowed totense negotiations and emotional debate, according to sources close to the firm.

Even at the end, the division on the board was dramatic: The final vote was 16 to 6 in favor of settlement, according to sources. The vote was a major shift from the board's position on Monday afternoon, when it decided to reject a settlement even if it meant that a

racketeering indictment might be filed the next day. Two major issues that were the subject of negotiations between Monday and Wednesday were the specifie crimes Drexel would admit to having committed and what assurances could be given to individ-ual employees who might become Giuliani's office.

targets of future criminal prosecutions, sources said.
Mr. Giuliani's office had recently threatened to indict a number of Drexel employees who had not re-ceived formal notices that they

were the targets of investigations.

By Wednesday, Drexel executives felt they had assurances that future prosecutions would be con-fined to those people who had al-ready received so-called target let-

ready received so-called target letters, indicating that crimical
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Among those employees likely to
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on the man.

Some of those questions of Drexel's obligations to Mr. Milken were pressed most vehemently by the executives in the firm's Beverly Hills junk bond department. Mr. Milken flew from Beverly Hills to New York Wednesday and

met with his lawyers, sources said. Earlier, Mr. Joseph spoke by telephone with the junk bond chief to inform him of the board's vote, the sources said Mr. Milken has vowed to fight the government's allegations to court and has not entered toto any

Frederick H. Joseph, Drexel chief executive.

least a month ago. From the beginning, the government de-manded that Drexel plead guilty to committing a number of seri-nus securities law violations and

As negotiations continued over the financial penalty and other terms, the government's strongest weapon loomed stronger than ever: If Drexel did not agree to settle, prosecutors said they would file racketeering charges against it.

The government would then be allowed to seize Drexel's property and earnings even if they were not related to any

On Dec. 12, a conference call was placed to Mr. Joseph by em-ployees at Drexel's office in Beverly Hills, California, where the

According to people familiar with the call, the employees were trying to persuade Mr. Joseph

The hard bargaining that led to Wednesday's settlement be-gan in earnest nn Dec. 13, when the government made a settle-ment offer to Drexel's 22-mem-

Drexel's board members were said to rankle at the language that they were being told to ac-cept in the agreement, as well as by requirements that they cooperate against some employees and clients to the government's continued investigation.

The firm brought a counterproposal the next day that was quickly rejected. On Thursday, John Carroll, the assistant U.S. attorney in charge of the case, came back with an offer that was essentially the same as the gov-ernment's offer two days earlier.

Early on Monday, Drexel presented the government with its position; the settlement was onerous and Drexel would not accept it.

The situation took a radical turn on Tuesday, when Mr. Jo-seph received an ultimatum from Mr. Giuliani: If the firm did not settle within 24 hours, it would be indicted on charges that included racketeering.

On Wednesday, the board approved a settlement. The vote was 16 to 6, with Mr. Joseph voting against it.

### **ZEALOT:** Giuliani Sweeps Street

(Continued from first finance page) cy" in some indictments. The one against Mr. Lewis, for example, contains 22 counts, carrying a possible maximum sentence of 110 years in prison and nearly \$50 million to ftoes, for what Mr. Arkin says boils down to a single alleged-

ly illegal act.
Some criticism of Mr. Giuliani also stems from his persistent presence in the news. He holds frequent news conferences — sometimes two or three a week. He held one Wednesday to announce the Drexel settlement, and issued a statement on Mr. Bilzerian. Lawyers and law professors who give Mr. Giuliani high marks as a prose-cutor question whether he has demeaned his office by enlivating

"Unfurtunately, Rudy is one nf these guys who just can't resist a microphone," says Richard H. Uviller, a law professor at Columhia University who otherwise praises Mr. Giuliani's record.

"His predecessors were in the press, but not as niten and not in

the same way,"
Mr. Giuliani is widely expected to leave office sometime next year. Earlier this year, he acknowledged that be was thinking about seeking the Repubbean nomination to run against Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the New York Democrat. Mr. Giuliani never declared

his candidacy, however. Now, he is talked about as a

possible mayoral candidate. Mr. Giuliani became U.S. attorney to 1983, giving up his post as the third-ranking afficial at the Department of Justice in Washington. He had supervised the depart-ment's criminal division and was one of the chief architects of the Reagan administration's strategy for fighting drug trafficking.

Before he went to Washington,

Mr. Giuliani bad been an assistant federal prosecutor in New York, handling New York City police corruption cases, and later was a partner in the law firm of Patterson, Belknap, Wehh & Tyler. He is married to Donna Hanover, a tele-

vision journalist. terms serves as a deterrent to crime. sure.

His critics in the defense har, bowever, assert that Mr. Giuliani's desire to make examples of accused Wall Street cheaters has led him at times unfairly to use intimidating

In February 1987, for example, in an insider trading case related to the Boesky investigation, federal marshals arrested three high-level officials as hig Wall Street tovessment companies. At Kidder, Pea-body & Co., federal marshals took the unusual step in a white-collar crime case of arresting the company's head of arbitrage inside the office, frisking him and leading him out in handcuffs. In the same case, an official of Merrill Lynch & Co. spent a night in jail.

Months later, however, Mr. Giuliani's prosecutors had to withdraw the indictment of the three officials, conceding that the government wasn't prepared to go in trial with the evidence it had.

The case is still under investigation, although the three Wall Street

figures deny any wrongdoing.

Mr. Giuliani also has been accused of unfair use of the federal racketeering law known as RICO, for Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. Last August, be used it against five partners nf Princeton-Newport partners, a small investment company that bad done business with Drexel and allegedly set up transactions to cre-ate phony tax losses.

Mr. Giuliani sought the coopera-tion of Princeton-Newport to the Drexel case. The company refused, and Mr. Giuliani's office filed the indictment. It was the first time that RICO bad been invoked against a securities company.

The law, enacted by Congress to fight organized crime, carries severe financial penalties and long prison sentences.

Defense lawyers to the case, who deny that the accused violated any criminal laws, contend that Mr. Giuliani used RICO to an attempt to hludgeon their clients into cooperating with the government, som thing the U.S. attorney denies.

But Mr. Uviller, the Columbia Mr. Giuliani dismisses accusa-tions that he is publicity hungry. bludgeoning is concerned, that's He says he goes out of his way to the name of the game. If you're keep journalists informed of prose-going to make white-collar corrupcutions because press coverage of tion cases, you've got to turn someconvictions, fines and lengthy jail body. And the key to that is pres-

# A Bitter Pill for Defiant Employees

By Kurt Eichenwald

New York Times Service NEW YORK — The days leading up to the record \$650 millinn agreement by Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. to settle pending charges nf violations in securities law were frustrating and bitter for the firm's leaders, who had undergone the uncertainty of two years of govern-ment investigation.

Almost until the end, the prin-cipals believed an indictment,

not a settlement, was imminent. Indeed, at a Christmas party on Monday for the firm's corpo rate finance department, em ployees were elated to hear Frederick H. Joseph, Drexel's chief executive, insist that the firm had done nothing wrong and de-scribe how the settlement talks

had hroken down.

But Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Joseph received a telephone call from Rudolph W. Giuliani, the U.S. attorney in Manhattan, tell-ing him that if the firm did not settle, it would be indicted the next day.

That night, less than 24 bours after the jubilation at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel party, a som-ber Mr. Joseph entered Mr. Giuliani's office to discuss the terms of an agreement that could bring the most publicized criminal investigation in recent Wall Street history to a partial close.

The talks between Drexel and federal prosecutors began at

amount of financial transactions has multi-

cherished by Wall Street — that it was such a complex, difficult business that it could not

same prosecutor who imprisons leading underworld figures, bringing a sophisticated firm like Drexel to its knees has been humbling for the industry.

salaries have been complaining todignantly for more than a year that the government was employing vicious tactics in its investigation -such as handcuffing suspects or using rough negotiating techniques.

Prosecutors have responded by saying that those are standard practices in dealing with mmon criminals.

That is the toughest notion for Wall Street to accept. Clearly, another unsettling aspect to the scandal has been the fact that it has revolved

around the boom in corporate mergers and acquisitions. It has been a wildly profitable side to the 1980s on Wall Street. Nearly all of the guilty

leas obtained in the scandal have involved frauds that related to takeovers. "When this thing moved to Boesky, the whole manner of the investigation changed." said Ira Lee Sorkin, the former head of the

Securities and Exchange Commission's New

York office and a former prosecutor.

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# DREXEL: Not Just a Wall Street Firm, but a Way of Doing Business, Is Being Scrutinized

Santander

The Spanish bank, now the largest single stockholder in Royal

Bank of Scotland, hought the

shares from the Kuwait Investment

Office, the London-based invest-

ment arm of Kuwait's government

stake in Banco Santander and will

soon raise the holding to 2.5 per-

cent, Royal's chief executive

Charles Wioter, said. The bank has

no current plans to go beyond that

Two months ago Royal Bank and Banco Santander announced a

commercial cooperation plan that

included an agreement to obtain

the other's consent to any changes to each bank's shareholding.

The deal originally allowed the banks to hold equity stakes of up to 2.5 percent in each other and pro-

vided for Royal Bank to acquire 50 percent of Banco Santander's West

German and Belgian subsidiaries.

Mr. Wioter said, "The Royal Bank of Scotland Group is delight-

ed with the progress which has been achieved in developing the alliance with Banco Santander

Group since it was announced in

"The Royal Bank Group, there

fore, welcomes the prospect of Banco Santander being its largest

Banco Santander's chairman

Emilio Botin, said the stake in-

crease reflected the mutual com-

level, he said.

Royal Bank has a 0.5 percent

(Continued from page 1)

really fit to monitor its own activities? · Has the culture of Wall Street been imbued with a spirit that encourages its sharper players to take advantage of the financial

 Has deregulation, which led to an explosion of innovation in the financial markets over the past decade, gone too far, or permitted more graft?

 Has the takeover craze of the 1980s, which altered the shape of corporate America, been inherently unfair or manipulative? In the short term, the most pressing questions are those on Wall Street's tradition of

self-policing and the trend toward deregula-

tion. Those issues are bound to become the

**EC Rules Would Curb Poison Pills** 

Even if they had previously ap-

proved an increase in capital, share-

holders would have to do so again

after a formal bid had been made.

Societé Générale de Belgique SA placed 12 million newly issued shares of its stock with friendly

investors last year in a defense against a hostile bid by the Italian

financier Carlo de Benedetti. But

under the new rules because it is-sued the stock after Mr. de Bene-

detti informed it of his plans but before he filed a formal offer with

Another feature of the rules

pany, particularly with regard to

assets and work force. Such infor-mation would have to be made

available to representatives of em-

ployees as well as to shareholders.

plain the future debt position en-

visaged for the target company, no-

A bidder would also have to ex-

Belgian regulators.

subject of congressional hearings and per-Some experts feel, in fact, that such action would be overdue.

"While the industry has always prided itself on its ability to self-police, I've never thought it did such a good job at it, even before this," said James Van Horne, a professor of finance at Stanford University's business school. "An industry cannot police

He added, echoing a view held more quiet-ly by many senior Wall Street figures, that what is new in the insider trading scandal is that people are getting caught.

"I think a lot of this was going on before," Mr. Van Horne said. "It's just that it's been magnified so much now because the size and

Each bid would require a prospectus that included the terms of the Royal Bank

proposed acquisition.

A spokesman said the commission would study the problem of companies from outside the comhad bought a further 5 percent

munity making bids for EC con-cerns when their domestic laws ef-ing to 9.99 percent. Royal Bank

fectively prevented hostile welcomed the development.

plied so dramatically." The scandal has also exploded a myth long

be policed by the same agencies that watched other todustries. The sight of Rudolph W. Giuliani, the

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BUDAPEST — The West German publishing group Axel Springer Verlag AG set up a joint venture in Hungary on Thursday, it was announced at a news conference.

The other parties involved are the Ferenczy publishing house of Munich, the Hungar-ian Credit Bank, and the Hungarian publisher Reform.

The joint venture will be

### sheet," be said.

Maxwell Selling Print Unit for £300 Million

LONDON - Robert Maxwell BPCC comprises 40 operating said Thursday that he was selling companies and businesses employhis British printing interests for up to £300 million (\$540 million) to ing 7,100 people. It had pretax profit of £29.4 million in 1987 on help pay for his recent purchase of

mission, the European Communi- its act would have been permissible

The regulations, which must be would require a bidder to clearly approved by the 12 EC member state its intentions for a target com-

ned to protec

evenue of £290.6 million. BPCC is being sold to Bucks-mere Ltd., formed by senior BPCC He said the management buyout A BPCC, Britain's largest commer-cial printer, would free financial management and a syndicate of institutional investors, for an initial and management resources to help cash payment of £265 million. his Maxwell Communication Corp.

Ficance for the buyout is being raised and arranged by a British group including the Electra Candover fund, Standard Chartered focus on publishing and information husinesses.
Mr. Maxwell announced in November that he planned to sell off PLC and 3-I PLC. some businesses after his break-Maxwell said it would retain roperties valued by the directors through in the U.S. market last

autumn with the purchase of Mac-millan for \$2.6 billion and Dun & Bradstreet Inc.'s Official Airlines Guide unit for \$750 million. certain printing businesses, former ly operated as part of BPCC.

"The proceeds of the sale will be KKR Ends Maxwell Deal used to reduce our borrowings and

consolidation in MCC's balance had terminated an agreement to buy several subsidiaries of the publishing concern, Reuters reported from New York.

the offer and the position of the

target company's managers on the proposed acquisition.

takeovers in their home markets.

■ EC Car Subsidy Review

The commission also decided Thursday to examine industry sub-

sidies to a move to free the bloc's

car market of all toternal barriers

The panel said it would totro-

duce a plan on Jan. I requiring its approval of any subsidies for motor

vehicle projects worth more than 12

million European currency units

after 1992, Reuters reported.

Macmillan said Kohlberg, Kra-vis was unable to arrange financ-ing, but the investment firm said it ended the plan to buy four subsid-iaries for \$400 million because of restrictions that Maxwell Communication placed on the deal.

"KKR suspended moving ahead with this deal because Maxwell and Macmillan had imposed a certain structure on this deal and a special requirement to complete the deal by year-end because of tax reasons, at £30.4 million. It also will retain and that couldn't be done," a

Kohlberg, Kravis is seeking to fi-nance a record \$25 billion takeover of RJR Nabisco Inc., but a source close to the firm said that had no thus will form an important step Macmillan said Thursday that close to the firm said that hat towards Macmillan's and OAG's Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co.

### mitment as independent banks to support each other to the European Community as trade barriers are being dismantled by 1992.

man to Houston, said his airline was "delighted" with the ruling. He said the airline would begin planning to institute service on the

said the decision was based on "what amounts to a legal technicality" and an appeal was possible.

Transportation approved the pur-chase on the condition that the route be dealt with in a separate proceeding.

### diate comment on the order. Art Kent, a Continental spokes-

The airline, a subsidiary of Texas Air Corp., has said previously it would offer one-way Seattle-Tokyo

Northwest Airlines and Japan Air Lines also fly nonstop between Seattle and Tokyo.

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### Springer Sets **Hungary Deal**

called Axel Springer Buda-pest. It will publish various reviews, books and other printed material and be involved in some advertising The Hungarian and West German sides each hold 50 percent of the venture. Negotia-

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - A federal appeals court has ordered the Transportation Department to award the Seattle-Tokyo air route to Continental Airlines in the latest round of a two-year battle among three of the largest U.S. airlines

In November, the department decided to ignore an earlier appeals court decision and award the route to United Airlines. The U.S. Court of Appeals, to a

decision late Tuesday, again ruled that the department had violated deadlines in awarding the route and had overstepped its authority

The court found in September that Continental should receive the route, but the department decided to once again review the case. At various times in the past two years, administrative law indees and de-

### partment officials have awarded Department of Transportation, the route to Continental, United said the department had no immethe route to Continental, United

and American Airlines. The route generates more than \$100 million in revenue annually. Hal Paris, a spokesman for the

White Knight in View, William Collins Says

LONDON - William Collins PLC, the British publisher, said Thursday that it had received an approach about a possible friendly takeover bid to counter an unwelcome offer from Rupert Murdoch's

fares as low as \$299. A United spokesman to Chicago

(In New York, call: 212-752 3890.)

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tions began months ago, but in August, Springer denied that it 10-1 Countre. would set up a weekly newspaper in Hungary.

over the lucrative route.

io giving the route to United.

The court said the department had made a "thinly disguised attempt to circumvent the decision of

spokesman said.

The Associated Press

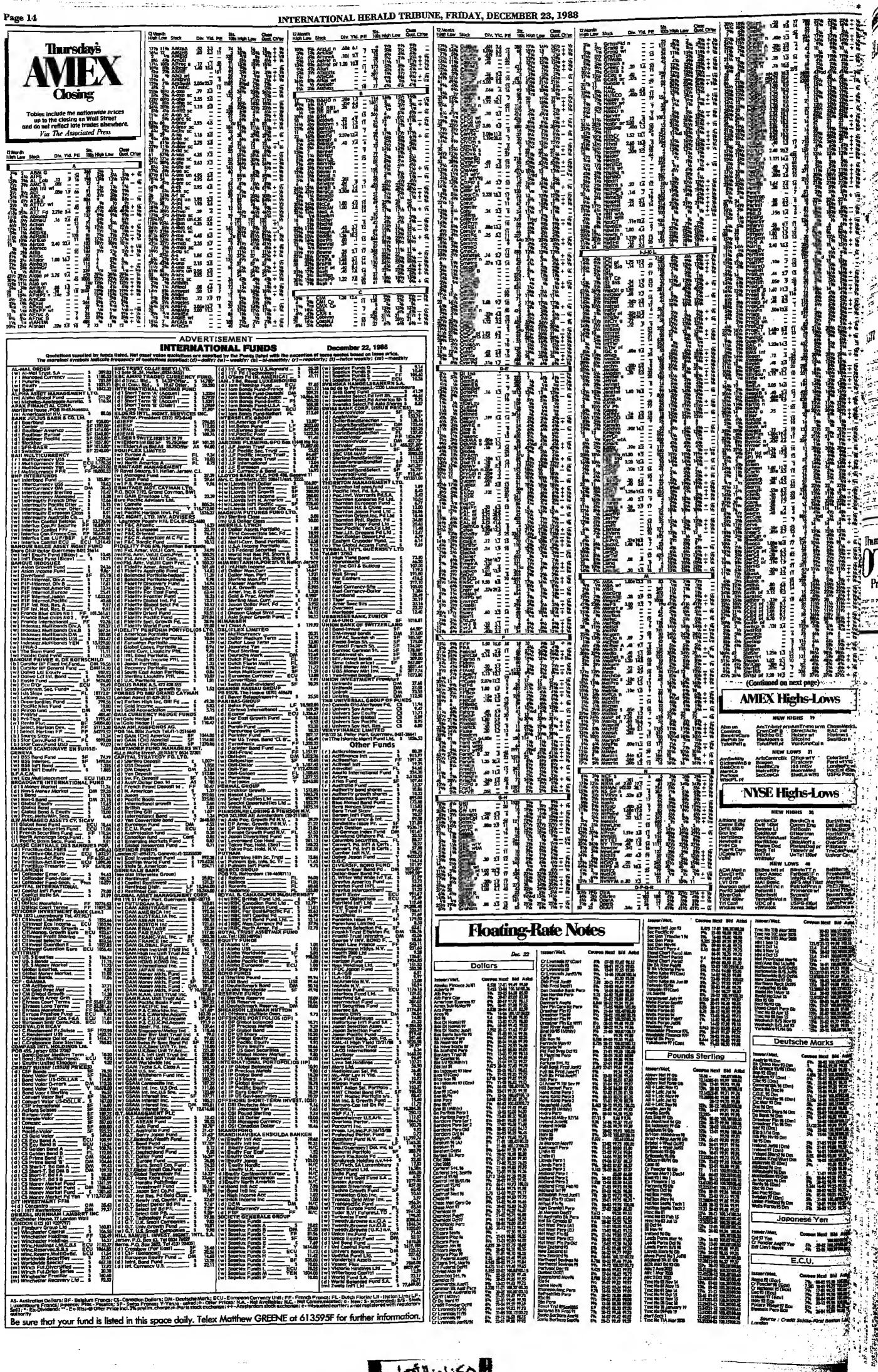
News International PLC.
Collins did not identify the party
that had approached it. It said an offer might be made "at a level appreciably above the level of the News International offers." News International's bid values Collins at £293 million (\$530 million). News International controls 41.7 percent of Collins's ordinary shares

and 10 percent of nonvoting shares.

# Route Will Go to Continental, Court Insists

route sometime next year.

United has been flying the route since 1986 when it purchased Pan American World Airways' Pacific division, but the Department of



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### CURRENCY MARKETS

# **Dollar Finishes Firmer in New York**

NEW YORK — The dollar edged higher in New York on Thursday in thin trading marked by the wholesale exit of market players before the holiday.

"It was extremely quiet with very few customers," said Samuel Lek, managing director of Bear, Stearns & Co. in New York. "Nobody was even trying to push the market given the thin level of activity."

The dollar ended at 1.7738 Deutsche marks, up from 1.7710 DM at Wednesday's close, and at 124.65 yea, up from 124.60 a day earlier.

The British pound was lower, finishing at \$1.7985, compared with \$1.8055 on Wednesday.

The dollar closed at 1.4950 Swiss francs, down from the close Wednesday of 1.4961, and at 6.0560 French francs, compared

The dollar took little notice of the U.S. Commerce Department the pound could jump around quite report that durable goods orders a bit in this thin market, one dealrose 0.1 percent in November. cr said. But most traders doubted interest rates than in other major Most economists had forecast a there would be anything more than markets. (UPI, Reuter)

**Loudon Dollar Rates** 

moderate decline in goods orders. "There's no real substance to the market at all," said a European bank dealer. "People have just been

hanging around, killing time." Dealers said the only important feature of the market this week would be the British trade figures for November. Economists are generally expecting the data to show a current account deficit of around £1.5 billion, down slightly from October's record £2.43 billion short-

"If the figure is well out of line

before Christmas Eve.

Earlier in London the dollar closed at 1.7735 DM, up from 1.7698 DM at Wednesday's close, and at 124.65 yen, up from 124.45 a day carlier.

The pound weakened, finishing at \$1.7985, compared with from \$1.8073 on Wednesday. The dollar closed at 1.4965 Swiss francs, up from the close Wednes-day of 1.4930, and at 6.0550 French

francs, compared with 6.0450. With only a few banks still en-gaged in interbank trading, the dol-lar showed no clear direction, they

One dealer said Chicago futures traders were thought to still be car-rying long dollar positions and their activities to support the dollar would have an impact on the cash market on Friday. However, dealers said if there

added.

was any reason for the dollar's steadiness in the thin and dull market it was higher U.S. short-term

# Weak Military Orders Hold Durable Goods Rise to 0.1%

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dupatches

WASHINGTON — New orders for durable goods rose 0.1
percent in November, but excluding the volatile military category, they rose a sharp 1.8 percent, the U.S. Commerce Department said

The department said that total durable goods orders edged up to \$122.89 billion last month, but the overall figure was held back by a sharp 17.6 percent drop in military orders. The rise followed a revised 2.9 percent increase in overall orders in October, which had previously been reported as a 2.4 percent advance.

Excluding the military decline, total orders would have risen by

.8 percent after a 0.2 percent increase in October. It was the best showing since a 5.2 percent surge in nonmilitary orders in August. The manufacturing sector, which has been the driving force of the expansion, continues to have life," said Robert Dederick, chief economist for Northern Trust Co. of Chicago. "We'll close the year

Lawrence Chimerine, chief economist for the WEFA Group of economic forecasters in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, agreed. "I think it's consistent with an economy that's still doing fairly well,

still driven by capital goods and exports," be said.

Throughout this year, almost half of total economic growth has been powered by a boom in U.S. export sales as U.S. manufacturers penefited from a weaker dollar.

For November, the government said that much of the strength in durable goods — items expected to last at least three years — came from an 8.1 percent rise in demand for electrical machinery, which climbed to \$20.5 billion.

# Bank Gift to Sudan Could Set Trend Midland Gives Up Nearly Worthless Paper for UN Project

LONDON — An agreement un-der which Britain's fourth biggest commercial bank is donating all of its Sudanese debt to a United Nations relief agency could herald a wave of swaps to reduce Third World debt, according to analysts and aid officials.

The world's poorest nations are overwhelmed by foreign obliga-tions and have little hope of obtain-ing new loans for desperately needed investment for development

Under the agreement with Mid-land Bank PLC, the Sudanese gov-ernment will exchange the debt, with a face value of \$800,000, for local currency, which is to be used

for such investment.

The money will finance a United Nations Children's Fund development program in Sudan's droughtstricken central Kordofan area.

Through its contribution to one of the world's poorest countries, Midland made a public gesture of goodwill while at the same time vesting itself of nearly worthless aside provisions from its profit

"This is significant because Midland is the first bank in Britain, and one of the first in the world, to be willing to donate debt," said David Kline, president of the Fund for Private Assistance in International Development, which is based in the

United States Midland's deal is the first outright donation of debt to finance development, but it is similar to environment-related gifts such as the July 1987 deal designed to protect a rain forest in Bolivia.

Under that agreement, Citicorp bought \$650,000 of Bolivian debt at an 85 percent discount with funds provided by a private donor. The paper was then returned through an intermediary to the Bolivian government, which undertook in return to preserve 3.7 million acres (1.5 million hectares) of

forest as a nature reserve. Banks have previously used debt swaps to exchange loans for equity in developing countries' enterprises, but Midland's innovative donation

paper for which it had already set could inspire a bost of new conver-aside provisions from its profit. could inspire a bost of new conver-sions. These would finance development in nations without equity markets and too poor to repay their debt, analysts said.

"Sudanese debt is almost impossible to collect," said Mr. Kline, whose organization acts as inter-

mediary in nonprofit aid plans. Sudan, which has \$12 billion of foreign debt, is \$1 billion in arrears to the International Monetary Fund, more than any other nation. In 1986, the IMF declared it ineligi-

ble for new credits. "What else can you do with Su-danese debt?" asked William Vincent, an analyst at Salomon Brothers Inc., commenting on the transaction.

Sudan's paper is hardly ever traded in the secondary market for Third World debt, and dealers assessed its value at 5 cents on the dollar.

Midland's loan will be redeemed by the Sudanese government at a discount, which both the bank and

# Japan Quietly Seeking Ways to Force Cut in Huge U.S. Budget Deficit

TOKYO — Japan is so used to being assailed by the United States and its trading partners that it has a word for it -

But now some Japanese officials are talking about turning the tables and put-ting pressure of their own on the United iatsu, or foreign pressure. States to force a cut in its budget deficit. "We need gaiatsu for the U.S.," one

·Fed up with what they see as the United States's failure to reduce the deficit as quickly as promised, some officials here are quietly looking for ways to force the pace

· Because of the still dominant size of the U.S. economy and the importance of the dollar, "disciplined economic management in the U.S. is all the more important to keep the world economy on a stable path,"

said Masaru Yoshitomi, director-general of Japan's Economic Planning Agency.

"Whether Japan as the largest creditor nation can and should use its position as leverage for imposing discipline on the debtor nation is yet another difficult challenge," the senior official told a monetary conference in Washington.

While an outright attack is unlikely, Japan could adopt a more forceful approach in talks with the United States, diplomats

Japanese officials for the most part rejected the idea of following the example of the United States by using the threat of a lower dollar to force changes in economic

Washington successfully employed that weapon in 1986 and 1987 to press Japan

cause both were afraid that a falling dollar would hurt their economies.

enjoying its benefits, mainly in the form of ic structure will take time.

lower inflation, economists said.

They bashed us but

In contrast, the U.S. now has little to them," he said. gain from a weaker currency — its exports are already booming —and more to lose in the shape of higher inflation, they said. Japanese officials expressed fears that a

policy of "talking down" the dollar would rigger a currency collapse that would benefit no one. "A steady appreciation doesn't matter very much," one Finance Ministry official said. "But if it's a rapid appreciation, the

effect could be quite serious. Another ministry official said the dollar was too vulnerable to depreciation to

Japan would not be as impatient as Wash-But now both countries have learned to ington has been in the past because it States to cut its deficit. live with a weak U.S. currency and are recognizes that changing the U.S. econom-

"They bashed us, but we won't bash

But that has not stopped some Japanese officials from almost wishing for a drop in the U.S. stock prices that would force Washington into taking action on the bud-

It took Black Monday - the worldwide ollapse in stock prices in October 1987 to goad the United States into bashing out a credible deficit-reduction plan, several

One official offered the following scenario: a rise in Japanese interest rates to something Japan would like to do, accordcombat quickening global inflation sets off ing to one senior official.

A senior Bank of Japan official said a managed decline in the dollar and U.S. bond and stock prices, forcing the United

Other officials, taking a less radical approach, continue to argue that the United States issue bonds denominated in foreign

That would help impose financial discipline on the United States because Washington could not reflate away that debt by printing more money, an option it has with U.S. dollar bonds.

Reports that Kentucky is considering issuing yen bonds has fanned speculation the federal government might follow suit. Right now, if non-U.S. central banks buy dollars they are stuck with them. But if

they could swap them for SDRs, they could diversify their reserves away from dollars,

# **Poland Foresees Arrears**

WARSAW — Poland will be unable to repay all the interest due in 1989 on its foreign debt of \$37.9 billion, the first deputy prime minister, Ireneusz Sekula, said on Thursday.

Mr. Sekula said in the Sejm, the legislature, that Poland was due to pay more than \$3 billion in interest next year but that the hardcurrency trade surplus would provide only about \$1 billion.

"As a result, the unpaid interest will increase our debt," he said. The foreign debt is choking us."

The government spokesman, Jerzy Urban, said on Tuesday that Poland's foreign debt was \$37.9 billion at the end of November while the hard-currency trade surplus reached \$1,083 billion — lower than

In July, Poland reached a \$9 billion rescheduling agreemen covering almost 95 percent of its long- and medium-term debt to Western commercial banks.

In November, the World Bank made its first loan to Poland, indicating tentative approval of the country's economic reforms. These include efforts to spur export growth, encourage market forces and attract foreign investors.

# Thursday's

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## **BOOKS**

### A WRITER'S AMERICA: Landscape in Literature

By Alfred Kazin. 240 pages. \$24.95. Alfred A. Knopf, 201 East 50th Street, New York, N.Y.

### Reviewed by William Howarth

ALFRED KAZIN is a rare figure these days, an intellectual in love with America and willing to fling that song across the spacious skies, purple mountain's majesties and fruited plains that we tend to forget are still really out there, beyond the urban gridlock and deadbolted doors where most citizens now unaccount-

Kazin makes no apologies for his passion, an attitude that will strike some readers as either oblivious or obstinate about the national future. His book sweeps back and forth over the American continent, seeking through its writers some message about the land itself, one that explains why generations of explorers and travelers have produced a chronically rootless and restless race that is nonetheless "haunted by a sense of place."

Thomas Jefferson had that feeling, seated high atop his Virginia mountain in a Palladian estate, urging Lewis and Clark to journey west and bring back news of the continent's splendor. Emerson and Thorean felt it in Concord, Massenhusette. Massachusetts, a town of sleepy, pastoral beauty that launched two revolutions, political and cultural. Whitman, Twain, James, Faulkner — in these and dozens of other American writers, Kazin finds a persistent absorption with place, not as a background for stories and ideas, but as the very body from whence they sprang.

Although this story is familiar to Americans, it also

bears repeating to successive generations. As a people they have always had a strongly felt, if dimly understood, hunger for "Nature," tending either to exploit or pre-serve it as a material resource. In either case, they have missed what many of their artists have seen: that rocks, trees and clouds also nourish the spirit, presenting in outward, visible form the needs and doubts that roil them deep inside, Hence Melville voyaged out to the open sea, where "meditation and water are wedded for ever," ("Moby-Dick") and Steinbeck drove down U.S. Route 66, "the mother road, the road of flight."

Wandering is an American pastime, change Americans most enduring trait. Yet landscape is fixed, one of the few traditions they cannot spurn. In Kazin's view, "landscape" comprises not just farm and forest, the rolling hills or tidal coasts, but also wasteland, the negative space of swamp and battlefield; and settlement - great homes at Saratoga and Newport, the soaring towers of New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. This broad definition favors his urban background, which

often inspires a gutsy, reminiscent prose:

"A New Yorker seeing Chicago for the first time at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in 1943, when Chicago was turning out sailors as Detroit turned out tanks, was as excited by the city on the lake, the city of terrible winters, and its indigenous American force, as another writer might have been by Paris. A wild energy poured in from Lake Michigan, from the sailors pummeling each other to keep warm, from the stiffly silent Black recruits. It all brought home the street corner savagery of the gangs in James T. Farriell's 'Studs Loni-gan,' the unleashed power of Black resentment in Richard Wright's 'Native Son.' "

Too much of this, and you might feel trapped on a cross-country bus with a bookish seatmate, but Kazin knows how to make the scenes and texts serve one another. His account is an "essay" in the traditional sense, a trial or experiment that develops theme and variations in a loose, meditative manner. With him we wander in time, branching out from a particular locus, say, Plum Island off the north shore of Massachusetts, through e skein of references to Proust, Samuel Sewall, Whitman, Frost, Melville, and the Finnish Eddas.

To give this journey a form, he builds each chapter around principal figures and sites, moving east to west along a course that leads from Jefferson to Robinson Jeffers, brooding about the republic on their separate coasts. At times the effect is of a quick grand tour, whistle-stopping through the Major Writers anthology, but when Kazin pauses for longer visits, as with Thoreau, the author and environment become subtly matched.

So broad and readable a text deserves a better form of publication. While the numerous images — photographs, drawings, and paintings — are well selected and d, many prints have a muddy, murky cast, and only the lamest of captions. Type is set in a small font with a long measure, probably to leave more space for pictures. The resulting book is a hybrid, not clearly destined for either the desk or coffee table. That seems regrettable, in view of the urgent concluding question Walt Whitman poses his fellow American: "But where is what I started for so long ago? And why is it yet

William Howarth, author of "The Book of Concord" and "Traveling the Trans-Canada," teaches American literature at Princeton University. He wrote this for The Wash-

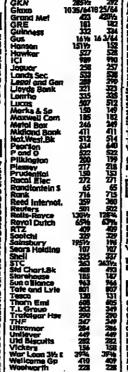
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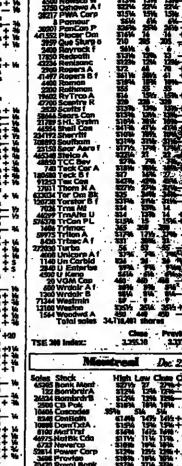
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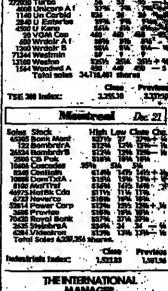
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In practice, Magnus Lindkvist led the club six against four hearts. His partner, Bjorn Fallenius, won and continued with two more high clubs, hoping that his partner would score a trump trick. This happened, but not quite in the way he expected.

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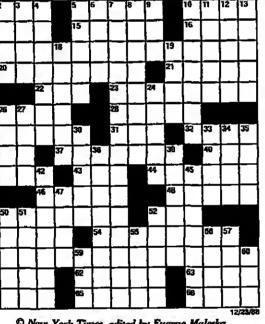
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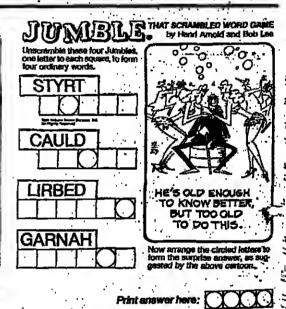
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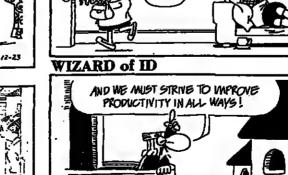
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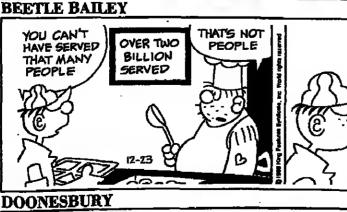
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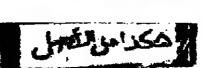




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one game outdoors in cold weather. L.A.'s fine, the sun shine's most the time, and the feeling is laid hack. Palm trees grow and rents are low, and don't look now but the Rams are on their way back. (They'll lose, I said.)

No. 3: Other than Chuck Noll, no coach whose last name has four letters has ever won the Super Bowl. Hello and goodbye to Buffalo, Philadelphia and Seattle (again). No. 3A: No team Chuck Knox has coached ever got to the Super

### VANTAGE POINT/Tony Kornheiser

For decades, baseball's New York Yankees gave millions of fans a team to hate. Who in his right mind is going to write a musical titled "Damn Seahawks"?

Bowl. So long Rams, Bills, Seahawks (yet again). That leaves us with the Final Four: San Francisco and Chicago in the NFC, Cleveland and Cincinnati in the AFC.

(A hrief interlude before we go back to the

Parity Pete's Party-Poopers Have Ruined the Playoffs

serious business of picking a Super Bowl champion. You may have read that parts of the Super Bowl are going to be broadcast in 3-D. I assume those of you who were foolish enough to allow your mothers to throw in the garbage the red and green glasses that came inside your Superman comics 30 years ago will have to acquire

new ones. What I want to know is, if the Bears new ones. What I want to know is, it the beats are in the Super Bowl, what in the name of Orson Welles is "The Fridge" going to look like in 3-D? He already looks like he's in 3-D. With these glasses, he'll weigh 750 pounds. He'll be in 4-D! Let me warn you, if your seat is 5-D. you're going to have to move or "The Fridge" will be in your lap.)

Thank you, now back to the picks. Some of you may want a better reason than the length of Mary Levy's name to eliminate the Bills. Here it is: They have no Mo. They lost three of their

lass four games, and one of them was to Tampa Bay. This is not the way you want to come into the playoffs, lashed to the hood. The Oilers find themselves in similar posture: They've lost two of their last three games, including last Sunday's to the Browns in Cleveland, Guess who, and guess where, the Oilers are playing Satur-day? Some team must be worse on the road than the Otlers, hut only John Candy and Steve Martin come to mind.

San Francisco lost its final game, too, hut some suspect the 49ers did so deliberately; "lay down like dogs" is how Dr. Phil Simms, DVM put it. Chicago approaches the playoffs gingerly, losing two of its last three, and bearing comatose Detroit by one thin point. Two years in a row the Bears have been booted from the playoffs at home. This time they're without Richard Dent; Jim MeMahon, who is convinced the Bears' trainer is a bozo, is on the bench, and Ditka's former footstool, Mike Tornczak, has emerged as Lancelot. Go figure. Minnesota, Cincinnan and Cleveland lost

their next-to-last games, hurting their claims to Mo. The Vikings are 5-1 in their tast six, but lost

Philadelphia.
Where'd Mo go? The Eagles won six of their last seven, and should have beaten the Washington Redskins. But Philly has walkabouts—not to mention the NFC's worst defense. The Seahawks won their last two, but who cares: They're (2th in the AFC in both offense and defense, making them somewhat of a long shot, like from here to the moon. The Rams won their last three, but lost the previous four. That'll drive Mo schizo.

outdoors in Green Bay, and somewhere along the way they'll have to play in Chicago or

The Browns can play in the cold and on the road, and they'll have to, since the schedule sends them to Buffalo (8-0 at home) and Cincipal (8-0 at home) and Cincipal (8-0 at home). cinnati (8-0, too). But the Browns are the one AFC team with significant playoff experience, and Bernie Kosar and Don Strock need to get

back to Miami to replenish their tans.

If the Vikings beat the Rams, the NFC gets the game everybody wants to see: Chicago versus Philadelphia. Ryan can ask. "Mike, how's your pacemaker?" and Ditka can say, "Buddy, have another pork chop." That match-up gives the 49ers the opportunity to average last year's upset by the Victor That the same part of the same part by the Vikings. The 49ers then would have to go into cold weather, where they usually fail in the playoffs. But even with Parity Pete and The Party Poopers conspiring to drag them down, the 49ers have the highest heels in football.

# Wilson Is One Angry Viking

So we come to the playoffs without a clear

favorite, no strong team to root for or against.

This is one of the arguments against parity: It

waters down the whole product so far that, after your home team is eliminated, you couldn't

care less about what happens.
For decades, baseball's New York Yankees

gave millions of fans throughout the American League a team to hate with all their might. Who

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Indy Star Lanier Gets Life Sentence

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BENTON, Illinois (AP) - Randy Lanier, the Indianapolis 500 rookie

of the year to 1986, was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison without

parole for his part in a multimillion-dollar drug smuggling operation.

"You have caused a lot of heartache, and ruined a lot of lives in this

country," U.S. District Judge James Foreman said in sentencing Lanier,

34, on charges he helped spearhead a drug operation that brought more than 600,000 pounds (272,000 kilograms) of marijuana ioto the United

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13 10 .566 40
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

### 'What's Going On Here Stinks'

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minnesota -- Wade Wilson figures that, for the last two seasons, he has been

teased, twisted and "Tommied" by the Minnesota Vikings. What's going on here stinks,"

His quarterbacking skills are respected by his peers, who voted the completed just one of seven passes NFC's leading passer into the Pro and threw an interception, al-Bowl even though he started only nine games. His coach, Jerry Burns, says Wilson is his No. 1 quarter-back. Yet Wilsoo suffered the embarrassment Monday night of, be-

fore a national television audience and to front of a sellout crowd in the Metrodome, being yanked out of the game against the Chicago Bears.
The Vikings led by 21-3 at halftime, with Wilson throwing two
touchdown passes, and still led by

though the Vikings won, 28-27, thanks to the defense. They had clinched a playoff

game" against the Bears? "That doesn't make any differ-ST. ANTON, Austria (AP) - Helmut Höflehner of Austria, who ence," Burns said. "I'm going to 'aced 69th in last season's World Cup standings, conquered a dangerous with a course Thursday for his second victory this season. He was timed to 2 minutes, 02.03 seconds down the fast course that dropped 969 meters (1,058 yards), Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland was

have made the playoffs withou; Wilson, whose ,615 winning per-centage in the NFL makes Kramer's 481 look positively puny. They figure to have a shot at making the Super Bowl only if Wilsoo is healthy and happy.

slap," Wilson said of his most re-cent benching, "You know, every his chance."

dia and fans have kept the Vikings' about the sideline situation." quarterback cootroversy going. But the media didn't pull a winning "It's a very emodonal game," he quarterback out of the game against the Bears, and the fans surely didn't. In fact, when Kramer trotted onto the field with 1:02 left

Did Wilson feel badly about that? "Hell, oo, I didn't feel sorry for him," Wilsoo said, "He began campaigning for playing time last week.

spent much of Monday night's game screaming at him. Finally, Wilson just began walking away. Even Burns said he's "concerned

said. "Schnelker's an emotional guy. Sometimes he's got to be care-ful and curb his emotions so he doesn't affect how people play."

cause "there's oothing personal iovolved." Wilson, however, is taking

paid Pro Bowl quarterback in years. He had to carry a clipboard when Kramer was a Pro Bowl player and he had to listen to third-stringer Rich Gannon being called the team's quarterback of the future. He had to put up with a quarterback controversy throughout this preseason even though he had led the Vikings to a great 1987 season.

Then he had to accept a benching after just one regular-season game before reclaiming his joh wheo Kramer fizzled. But the benching Monday night bothered Wilson the most.

They told the whole country they didn't have confidence in me. At about \$250,000, he is one of the NFL's lowest-paid starting quar-

# Some Numbers Count More Than Others in NFL

ture another dynamie duo, Mike Rozier and Alonzo Highsmith.

The Seahawks are giving up more yards rushing than they are gaining.

tle with 30. As important as sacks are quar-

Points allowed - The best: Chicago, with 215. The worst: Houston, which has allowed 365.

It figures that the fewer points a team allows the better its chances Cofer of the 49ers and Tony Zendefense late in the season, but still

Road record — The best: San (15 of 19).

ine worst: Houston at 3-5. The Oilers do not need to be

reminded of how they have played outside Houstoo this season. They need look oo further than last Sunday's loss in Cleveland, where they will meet the Browns on Saturday in a rematch to the American Conference wild-card game. This season. Houston has lost road games to four playoff teams: Cleveland, Seattle, Cincinnau and Philadelphia.

The Bears and Bengals are at home throughout the playoffs. The Rams likely won't be intimidated io Minnesota in their NFC wildcard game Monday; they have beaten the 49ers, the New York Giants and the New Orleans Saints in road games.

Take-aways, giveaways — The best: Minnesota at plus-23. The worst: Cleveland at minus-2. The Vikings' defense has swiped

23 more turnovers than the offense has made, and that is winning football. The Eagles have plus-18. Only two playoff teams have made more turnovers than they have gained. the Browns and the Buffalo Bills (minus-1).

Place-kicking — Buffalo's Scott Norwood leads the league in points scored, with 129; he has not missed an extra point in 33 kicks, and is 32 of 37 in field goals attempts.

to win. The Philadelphia Eagles jas of the Oilers have the longest ranked last leaguewide in total defield goals, each with kicks of 52 yards. Cofer has the most attempts and most misses (27 of 38), and Kevin Butler of the Bears has the fewest attempts and fewest misses

# The Browns' Strock: **Wildest Wild Card**

By Gerald Eskenazi New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Three months ago, Don Strock was a retired athlete approaching his 38th birthday, getting a tan, playing golf and gladhanding people at a country club outside of Miami. This week, he was been as far

removed from that palmy setting as possible: throwing footballs in Be-rea, Ohio, as the Cleveland Browns prepared to face the Houston Oilers in the American Football Con-ference wild-card game, Strock has been playing so well

for the Browns under emergency conditions that he may even start Saturday, If he does, he would be the fourth-oldest quarterback ever to start a National Football League playoff game. It would be his first post-season start But Strock's Cinderella story

may oot reach its conclusion because of other oews ont of the Cleveland camp: Bernie Kosar is back io uniform and practicing. That doesn't mean that Kosar will start. He worked out with the

second team Wednesday and a final decision may oot be made on who will start until Kosar is exam-toed by team doctors again Friday. Kosar missed Sunday's final reg-ular-season game, against the Oil-ers, because of a knee sprain. Strock started and led the Browns

to a second-half comeback victory. The Browns' owner, Art Modell, described Strock as "the most unflappable quarterback I've ever seen, and that includes Bernie."

Strock's first 15 seasons were spent with the Miami Dolphins, and in all those years he started only 20 games. He has started twice this season with the Browns after backup, Gary Danielson, went

down with injuries. His record has been impressive. He has completed 60.4 percent of his passes for the Browns, thrown for five touchdowns while giving up four interceptions and is averaging better than eight yards a throw. With the Dolphins, he was a 56.4 percent passer with 39 touchdowns

San Diego Chargers by 24-0. He passed for more than 400 yards and four touchdowns, only to have his team lose by a field goal in overtime.

Hasn't it been difficult to accept the perennial backup role and be the good soldier? 'I played with Bob Griese, who's

going to the Hall of Fame, and I played with Dan Marino, who's headed for the Hall of Fame," Strock said Wednesday by telephone. That seemingly answered the question. Even when he saw his most sus-

tained action, in the years between Griese and Marino, be was twinned with David Woodley. They became

tired and took the post of sports bost at the Doral Country Club. He bills, the Jets, the Patriots and was a sort of official greeter for the cluh, and assisted the golf pro.

Strock's holdout followed the Seahawks — all AFC teams.

The AFC's Dolphins led in passing but the Redshis, the Rams, the line but the Redshis, the Rams, the line but the Redshis the Rams. Dolphins signing of another long-in-the-tootb quarterback, Ron Jaworski, for \$460,000. The 37-NFC were in the top 10 along with

for the backup role with Strock. But when the Dolphins refused to pay Strock the same salary as

Jaworski, Strock simply quit.

Marino was distressed. Strock not only had a hand in Miami's play calling, hut was the godfather of Marino's son. There were reports out of the Dolphins that Marino disagreed with the offensive philosophy of David Shula, the assistant coach to his father. Don.

Don Shula, asked this season whether there was friction between Marino and his son, bristled and said he would not respond to what he called "rumors." On the other hand, the Browns

needed a quarterback after Kosar and Danielson were hurt. Kosar injured his elbow in the

season opener. In the Browns' second game, the New York Jets knocked Danielson out with a broken ankle. That left the American Conference champions of the previous two seasons with only Mike Pa-gel as an experienced quarterback. They went shopping for another, and brought back Strock.

"We had a 'hit' list at every posioon of who might be available, and he was No. 1 at quarterback," recalled Modell, "But we didn't even know if he were interested."

The Browns tracked him down at 3 o'clock on a Tuesday morning. When they did, Strock told Modell and the Browns' football opera-tions director, Ernie Accorsi, to "talk to my agent." So they got his agent, Jerry Kapstein, on the telephone as part of a conference call.

"By the time we finished introducing ourselves on the conference call," Modell said, "it sounded like a board meeting: 'Mr. Accorsi, this is Mr. Strock. Mr. Kapstein, this is being picked up after Kosar and his Art Modell.' And then a woman got on the phone and I said to Strock, 'Is that your secretary?' and he said, 'No, my wife.'"

It is believed that Strock finally got his \$460,000. And when Pagel had a shoulder separated four games later. Strock was the quarterback. He started his first game in five

years, a victory over the Philadelphia Eagles, but then went back to and 37 interceptions.

In a legendary backup performance, he entered a 1982 playoff game with the Dolphins trailing the the bench until it was time to re-

Briefly, as usual. But this time he will have the plays written on a wristhand, because he hasn't memorized everything the Browns do.

### Passers, Runners

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The most shocking statistical revelation of the season is that the NFC is no longer a predominantly running conference and the AFC is no longer a predominantly passing conference. Of the NFL's top 10 rushing teams, eight are in the AFC. Of the top 10 passing teams, seven are in the NFC.

known as Woodstrock.

Pride, though, led to Strock's adamant refusal this year to take the Dolphins' contract offer. He resided and took the poet of the NFC were second and third.

But the top 10 was rounded out by

year-old Jaworski was to compete the Broncos and the Browns.

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### Don Strock, 38, left, discussed the offense with Bernie Kosar at the Browns' practice Wednesday. game's not going to be a hlowout. Sooner or later, Burnsie's got to let Wilson also has been pained by the intensity of the team's offensive me prove my mettle under fire." coordinator, Boh Schnelker, who Now, he said, "be goes and opens the whole can of worms hack up." Burns has suggested that the me-

in the third quarter, he was booed.

"In my mind, that was a real

He says he wants to play and he got

Still, Burns said, Wilson shouldn't be "thin-skinned" beit personally.

give eye-opening clues to the coo-ing. The San Francisco 49ers aver- Francisco and Los Angeles at 6-2. 101.1 yards a game with Roger Craig as workhorse. The Houston Oilers, averaging 140.6 yards, fea-

> Rushing defense - The best: the Chicago Bears, allowing 82.9 yards a game. The worst: the Seattle Scahawks at 142.9 yards a game.

and that puts more pressure on quarterhack Dave Krieg, Coach Chuck Knox knows there is little chance his team can win four consecurive games and claim the Super Bowl title if this trend continues. The Minnesota Vikings, allowing 100.1 yards a game, had not

allowed an opponent to rush for 100 yards in 32 consecuove games before Neal Anderson of the Bears gained 122 yards Monday night. Sacks — The best: the Los Angeles Rams with 56. The worst: Seat-

terback "hurries," which often result in turnovers. A tenacious pass rush is a terrific boost. Only the Seahawks, the Vikings and the Browns have fewer than 38 sacks.

won the National Conference East allowing fewer points (319) than

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PRESTIGE

### WASHINGTON -- Curse you, Parity Pete. Eurse you for finally getting your schedule-making henchmen in the National Football League to succeed to arranging the noxious balance you've been striving for: a league over-flowing with ordinariness and mediocrity. Girse you for 10 teams with either 10-6 or 9-7 records. (And of the three that finished 12-4, Chicago has six girone wins each season playanymore who's good and who isn't. Heaven knows how much harder it's going to be next season when Oklahoma and Texas A&M officially join the league, but there's no sense worrying about them yet. So, you handicapping fools, let's do it. No. 1: Indoor teams cannot win two games records. (And of the three that finished 12-4, Chicago has six gimme wins each season, playing in that silly, pathetic division, while both Buffalo and Cincinnati were coughing at the wire.) Curse you for bleeding the good teams. I'y. Who's your most valuable player in this season of the hland leading the hland? Mine is Mike Ditka's cardiologist. So we come to the playoffs without a clear. in a row outdoors. This is not the National

Greenhouse Hydroponics League. Therefore, we can eliminate Minnesota, Seattle and Houston from winning the Super Bowl. No. 2: True warm weather teams can't win

21-17 when Wilson was pulled in favor of Tommy Kramer. Kramer

berth before the game and, with the victory, earned home-field advantage in Mooday's NFC wild-card game against the Los Angeles Rams. Burns says Wilson will start. Did Burns think his quarterback's pride might be more important than changing the rhythm of the passing

have one of them that's not happy.' At this stage of the season, though, Kramer's happiness doesn't figure to be a factor. The Vikings probably wouldn't

He has his health. His happioess is another matter.

: Wayne Fontes, the NFL Detroit Lions' interim coach for the final five games of this season, was given a three-year contract Thursday. (AP) The men's World Cap giant statom canceled Dec. 17 at Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia, because of a lack of snow will be raced Jan. 10 io Kirchberg. By Thomas George New York Times Service NEW YORK - The measuring The Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Boston Celtics, 115-114, in an NBA game Wednesday night for their first victory at Boston Garden since Oct. West Texas State's hasketball program was put on three years proba-n Thursday by the NCAA and barred from 1988-89 postseason play for recruiting violations and paying players.

(AP)

Arie van Eijden was fired Thursday as director of Ajax Amsterdam as inquiries continued ioto a tax fraud scandal at the soccer team. (AFP)

NHL Standings

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TRANSITION

enders chances. Rushing offense - The best: the

stick for making the National Foothall League's playoffs emphasizes two numbers: victories and losses. But for the 10 teams that have qualified, there are other crucial figures. because, in most cases, it is the Some have taken the low road, safest way to travel and allows a relying on hruising running games, others have taken the high road of team to maintain possession. A big-play passing, and others still strong running game opens nearly have ridden this far on growling all facets of a team's offense. And it defenses and special-team play, means a team is winning the battle But all hope to mesh these ingrediat the line of scrimmage, where route to Super Bowl XXIII.

Ciociooati Bengals, averagiog 169.4 yards a game. The worst: the Cleveland Browns at 98.4 yards. A team's ability to run the football affects all elements of a game

ents into a winning formula en most games are decided. The tough running combination The following numbers are the of James Brooks and Ickey Woods

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### **OBSERVER**

# The Christian Tradition

By Russell Baker

N EW YORK — As an heir to the Christian tradition, I am naturally surprised to find that Jews are now arguing passionately about who is a Jew and who isn't. I always thought this kind of dispute was peculiarly and distinct-

ly a Christian exercise. One of the many burdens of the person professing Christianity has always been the odinm likely to be heaped upon him by fellow Christians quick to smell out, denounce and punish fraud, hypocrisy and general unworthiness among those who assert the faith.

In ruder days, disputes about what constituted a fully qualified Christian often led to sordid quarrels in which the disputants tortured, burned and hanged each other in the conviction that torture, burning and hanging were Chris-tian things to do and to suffer.

By contrast, the Israeli political dispute about who is a Jew seems like tame stuff. Israel's Orthodox rabbis who want a government that will read a lot of people out of the faith would be dismissed as lightweights in the zeal division by oldtime Christians.

They propose no auto-da-fe, nor even a few turns on the bastinado for those who don't conform to the Orthodox view of the faith. They are content to confine themselves to the blackball, as it were.

As an heir to the Christian tradition, I find little in this that is startling, except that Jews should want to do it. It is such a Christian

thing to do.

Not that I have ever done it, of course. Not out loud. To be sure, I have often said to myself that soand-so "is no Christian," and admitted, but only to myself, that I despised him for going to church and pretending to listen attentively to the preacher's sermon when anyone with half a brain could see there wasn't an ounce of Christian love in the scoundrel's icy heart.

Yes, when thinking such thoughts, I am always aware that I am lapsing momentarily from Christian duty to love a neighbor.

Yet, I wonder, is mine truly a serious lapse? After all, I don't want to see the wretched hypocrite burned at the stake, as my Christian forebears might have.

As an heir to the Christian tradition, I was for a long time prepared

would read another Christian out of the faith because of a disagreement about transubstantiation.

This created a profound crisis when my own dear mother left the church where she had worshiped for years because she was outraged by a new minister's theories about

At that time I considered myself just about the most Christian person I had ever known, and I thought that whatever was supposed to be happening during Communion was a thing of such artistic beauty that it was un-Christian to mar it by quarreling about what it meant.

but could I quietty, silently, pri-vately, in the solitude of my own mind, say, "My mother, like most of the rest of the people I have encountered in this world, is not truly a Christian"? Could I use the blackball and read her out of the faith? In the end I forgave her.

A typical Christian situation occurred recently when allegations of sexual misconduct against certain evangelistic preachers raised the question: Should a Christian forgive his preacher as readily as he forgives his mother?

One of the sadder aspects of the so-called Christian nature is its tendency to be borrified by the discovery that clergymen are troubled by the same unseemly passions that torment all other men

Every generation, since eternity probably, rediscovers that priest-hood bestows no remission of hist, yet people who profess to Christianity never fail to be as shocked and astounded as though hearing the news for the first time. In the recent scandals, some of the harshest, most un-Christian criticism of the embarrassed parsons has come from their fellows of the cloth.

The true Christian, loath to read others out of the faith, would forgive the fallen evangelists, I concluded, and did so.

After all, if a true Christian could forgive his mother for fussing about transubstantiation, he could certainly forgive a few preachers for suc-cumbing to a little lust. What true Christian hasn't succumbed to a little lust now and then?

Do Jews really want to ask themselves such questions?

New York Times Service

# Steel Clouds Over L.A. — Or Something

By Jay Mathews

Washington Past Service
T OS ANGELES — In the first blush of inspiration, it was conceived as a simple yet unfor-gettable tribute to Los Angeles as the new gateway to America something to rival, perhaps even exceed, the grace and grandeur of the Statue of Liberty.

Then the ambitious idea fell into the hands of a governmentappointed committee and a group of young architects drawn toward the avant-garde, with results that must be seen to be believed.

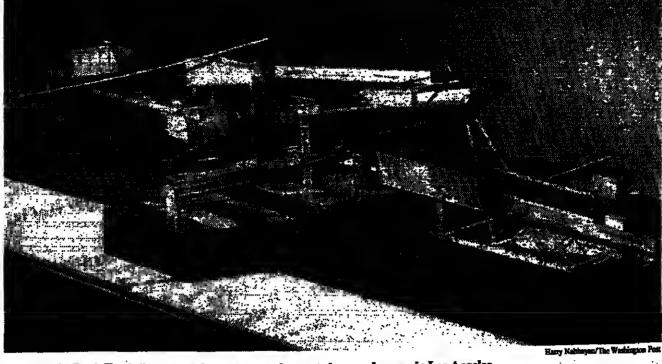
Nikolas Patsaouras, the Greek immigrant electrical engineer who has led the gateway effort, said the blue ribbon panel appointed by Mayor Tom Bradley quickly decided it did not want "a static edifice, a monument in the conventional sense, that would fit in cities like Rome, Paris or Athens.

And so, with the help of a panel of judges that included several architects and George Takei, the "Star Trek" actor, the committee searched for the unconventional among 150 designs submitted for the project, which is expected to cost \$40 million. A four-block-long dollar bill

and multistory baseball glove were quickly discarded. A huge, transparent bird dropping an egg on Los Angeles Street received a longer look. But what finally caught the judges' fancy, in an announcement this month that inspired cheers and chuckles throughout Southern California, was a colossal jumble of girders, movie screens, museums and walkways, a low-shing erector-set fantasy arching over a four-block section of the Hollywood Freeway, connecting the city's birthplace on Olvera Street with the Civic Center and Little Tokyo.

Its young creators, Egyptian-born Hani Rashid, 30, and Canadian-born Lise Anne Couture, 29, call it "Steel Clouds." Their literature struggles to put its meaning into words:

To CONSTRUCT clouds, to construct the heavens - that is the task at hand. The steel clouds will occupy the invisible space above the FREEway. The cacophonic world of the automobile RECONCILED with the symphonic raptures of culture. Theaters and libraries are the god houses. People of all origins will



A model of "Steel Clouds," a proposed momment to be erected over a freeway in Los Angeles.

The mayor's committee insistoccupy these rooms, these people are the MONUMENT, not sym-Angeles rather than New York, ed on so many museums, galler-

A City Council member. Gloria Molina, had a more succinct initial impression: "It looks like a freeway that just blew up."

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There have been other, equally unkind, characterizations: "L.A. after the Big One," "The Insect That Ate Hollywood." All of these Patsaouras shrugs off with the good humor and single-minded optimism of a man who managed to raise \$2.5 million for Governor Michael Dukakis's presidential campaign.

"The Eiffel Tower was not initially accepted," be said. "The pyramid tower in San Francisco - the reaction was really bad at the outset, but now it defines the San Francisco skyline."

From the beginning, nearly all parties involved thought a monument in the airspace above a freeway would provide the perfect West Coast counterpoint to the famous lady standing in Upper New York Bay. The largest group of American

immigrants now comes into Los

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and they are most often in trucks, cars and buses, not ships. But there have been initial dif-

ficulties in adjusting to the Los Angeles scene. The West Coast Gateway's first handouts de-scribed the stretch of U.S. Route 101 to be surmounted by the monument as the Santa Ana Freeway, when according to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and most angelenos it is actually a piece of

the Hollywood Freeway. Some natives quarreled with a bald statement in an initial prospectus that "public parking in the surrounding area is adequate." The Caltrans spokesman Thomas Knox said the department has yet to decide whether the gateway might prove an un-safe distraction for the 200,000

tively. ies, theaters and other accourrements that anything that attempted to rise more than two or three stories would have col-

lapsed of its own weight, spoiling the mood and somewhat aggravating the already perpetual Route 101 traffic jam. The 13-member jury, which in-cluded architects, designers and artists from Spain, Norway, Fin-land, France, Britain and Greece as well as the United States, praised the "Steel Clouds" because it "not only relates well to the movement of cars in the free-

way but also produces forms that

encapsulate and give form to the qualities of movement, energy and innovation for which Los Angeles is uniquely celebrated." The design includes a number of stopping places for visitors touring the monument — for inseum of Time" honoring U.S. his-

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Bradley has promised no public funds will be used in its construction, and not a dime has been raised so far, but "Steel Clouds" admirers argue that its multicul-tural charms will eventually win many converts. .

"The sheer boldness of this project is sustained under close inspection not only by the integrity of its strategic decisions but also through the poetic force of the images, metaphors and sensual experiences that it offers to the visitor," the jury said.

Some critics see the winning entry as one more sign of the current passion for an architectural movement called "deconstructivism," which, to a degree celebrates chaos.

Patsaouras said he and the architects reject that label, preferring to view the "Steel Clouds" as merely "contemporary," with an eye to the next century.

Any time one tries to tell the future, the first reaction is often animosity and dislike." Patsacuras said. "It takes time for all of us to understand."

### **PEOPLE**

Australian Alan Bond Was Buyer of Trises

The Australian multi-millionsire Aisn Bond revealed on Thursday that he was the purchaser of Vincent van Gogh's "Irises" for \$53.9 million last year. The 50-year-old magnate acquired the work at a Sotheby's New York anction but waited until his penthouse office in Perth was completed before revealing it. The van Gogh takes pride of place in the 51st floor office, which has panoramic views over the city from which Bond has built a world wide natural-resources, brewing media and real-estate empire.

The Orchestre de Paris will hold a concert on Friday at the Salle Pleyel in Paris for the benefit of the forming will be the orchestra's missical director. Daniel Research sical director, Daniel Barenhoize, as well as Charles Aznavour, Teresa Berganza, Patrice Cherena, Brighte Engerer, Siegfried Jerusalem Jean-Piere Rampal, Isaac Stem and Yuri Bashmet, who is coming specially from Moscow.

The Swiss author Friedrich Disrematt, 67, will bequeath his entire literary estate to Switzerland Swiss government spokesman said that the estate will include all his manuscripts, as well as many of his paintings. The manuscripts are to be kept in a future "Aschive of Swiss Literature" that would also include parts of the estates of winers Hermann Hesse and Rainer Maria Rifke.

Prince Charles will return to a sin . slope in Switzerland where he escaped death last March in an avalanche that killed a close friend, necessiting to Backingham Taken. The British royal heir's wife, Dissa, will not accompany him because she has engagements in England, palace spokeswoman said. The prince's visit to Klosters in late -February and March will follow a trip to the United States.

A French court on Thursday gave the singer Sacha Distel a onemonth suspended jail sentence and banned him from driving for six months for his role in a car accident in 1985 in which actress Chauta Nobel was seriously injured. Distel was also fined 3,000 French francs (about \$500) after he was found guilty of dangerous driving and causing injury.

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